



Pennington County Board of Commissioners

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PENNINGTON COUNTY POLICY & PROCEDURE

Bingo and Lotteries (Raffles)

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has the legal responsibility to review requests for conducting bingo and lotteries (raffles) in the County outside a municipality. South Dakota Codified Law Chap. 22-25 provides the definitions and rules for conducting Bingo and Lotteries in South Dakota.

The following entities are eligible to conduct a bingo game or lottery:

1. A bona fide congressionally chartered veterans’ organization; and
2. A religious, charitable, educational or fraternal organization; and
3. A local civic or service club; and
4. A political party; and
5. A volunteer fire department; and
6. A local industrial development corporation as defined in SDCL § 5-14-23; and
7. A political action committee or political committee on behalf of any candidate for a political office which exists under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

Per SDCL § 22-25-26, any person who conducts bingo or a lottery in violation of SDCL § 22-25-25 is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

County Procedure:

1. Per SDCL § 22-25-25(7), before conducting a bingo game or before selling any chances for a lottery, the eligible entity shall give thirty days’ written notice of the time and place thereof to the governing body of the county in which it intends to conduct the bingo game or lottery. A written notice of intent form must be submitted to the Commission Office. Notice of intent forms are available on the County’s website or in the Commission Office.*
2. The notice will be placed on the consent calendar of the next available Commission meeting agenda for Board review. A Commissioner or a citizen has the right to pull the item for further discussion or objection.
3. An authorized agent for an eligible entity shall appear at the Commission meeting in the event there are any questions or concerns.
4. The Board shall either pass a resolution denying the request or approve the request by motion.
5. If approved by the Board, the eligible entity may proceed with conducting a bingo game or selling chances for a lottery (raffle).

* The Board regularly meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Please allow appropriate time for submission and placement of the notice of intent form on the next available Board meeting agenda in order to meet the thirty-day requirement set forth in SDCL § 22-25-25(7).

A complete record of all notices will be maintained in the Commission Office. In the event any complaints are received, the information will be notated in the record and may be considered in any future event notices received for review.

Preexisting Authority

Effective February 15, 2011 all churches and volunteer fire departments within Pennington County, outside municipalities, are authorized to conduct bingo games provided all statutory requirements are obeyed. This authority does not extend to selling chances for a lottery (raffle).

Approved this 3 day of Jan, 2023.



Lloyd LaCroix, Chair
Pennington County Board of Commissioners