



**Town of Pittsfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263**

Regulation Raffle Permits

In accordance with, and under the authority of, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 287-A, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to issue permits governing raffles within the Town of Pittsfield, the following regulations are adopted to permit and regulate raffles within the Town.

PURPOSE

It is the express intent and purpose of these regulation, to strictly regulate the conduct of raffles within the Town of Pittsfield, through the issuance of permits for the conduct thereof, to protect the welfare of the citizens and to prevent criminal activity.

Section 1. Definitions. As used in these regulations.

(1) **RAFFLE** means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize, with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

(2) **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION** means a religious, educational, charitable, civic, veterans, or fraternal organization, or political committee, or political party, which shall have been in existence for at least 2 years and is organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Section 2. Raffle Organized. A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it is organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise.

Section 3. Printed Tickets. All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

Section 4. Distribution of Tickets. Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 yaers of age or older and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than the members of the charitable organization, or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration.

Section 5. Agency Not Permitted. No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

Section 6. Permit Required. Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 287-A, or these regulations, shall first obtain a permit therefore from the Board of Selectmen, if the drawing for prizes is to be held in the Town of Pittsfield. The permit shall expire at the time of the drawing, and shall not be transferable.

Section 7. Application for a Permit. Applications for a permit to conduct a raffle shall be made to the Board of Selectmen on a form provided by the Board. Attached to such application, shall be a copy of the printed ticket to be used for the raffle; a copy of organization as on file with the Secretary of State, that will clearly show the date of filing, or some other certification that the organization has been in existence and organized under the State of New Hampshire for at least two years, and that the applicant is a charitable organization as defined herein; a letter attesting to the membership and authority of the person filing the application for the charitable organization.

Section 8. Timely Filing. Applicants should file well in advance of the planned date for the beginning of the sale of raffle tickets. Permits are granted following review and investigation of the applicant that may take in excess of 30 days.

Section 9. Investigation of Applicant. The Board of Selectmen shall refer all applications received to the Chief of Police and any other additional Administrative Official of the Town, to investigate and report, in writing, as to the suitability of the applicant for a permit before granting such an application, and issuing a permit.

Section 10. Waiver. Upon the request of an applicant for a permit hereunder, the Board of Selectmen may waive the conditions of these regulations, where the literal compliance and strict conformity therewith would cause undue hardship, or injustice to the applicant.

Adopted this 13th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety seven.

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