Village of Freeville Local Law No. 12 of 2025

A Local Law Authorizing the Conduct of Games of Chance Including Bingo for Nonprofit Organizations within the Village of Freeville and Requesting Administration by the Town of Dryden

Purpose

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 2(c)(10) of the New York State Constitution, Article 9-A and Article 14-H of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville hereby determines that it is in the public interest to authorize the conduct of games of chance within the Village, subject to provisions of state law and the rules and regulations of the New York State Gaming Commission.

Section 1. Authorization

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The conduct of games of chance, including bingo, within the Village of Freeville is hereby authorized, as provided in Article 9-A and Article 14-H of the General Municipal Law.

Only authorized and licensed nonprofit organizations shall be eligible to conduct such games.

Section 2. Eligibility of Nonprofit Organizations

To be eligible to conduct games of chance within the Village of Freeville, an organization must:

A. Be a bona fide nonprofit organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or be recognized by New York State as a charitable, religious, educational, or civic entity.
B. Comply with all licensing, reporting, and operational requirements established in the Town of Dryden and the New York State Gaming Commission.
C. Obtain the appropriate license for either games of chance or bingo, as applicable, and adhere to all statutory and regulatory distinctions between the two.

Section 3. Administration by the Town of Dryden

The Board of Trustees hereby requests that the Town Clerk of the Town of Dryden exercise all powers and duties of a clerk of a municipality under Article 9-A and Article 14-H of the General Municipal Law with respect to the issuance of licenses, collection of fees, and related administrative duties for games of chance conducted within the Village of Freeville by eligible nonprofit organizations. Residents and organizations seeking to conduct games of chance within the Village of Freeville should contact the Town Clerk of Dryden for licensing procedures, requirements, and guidance. For reference, the Town of Dryden's governing law on games of chance is found in Chapter 113 of their Town Code.

Section 4. Severability

If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall be subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 187 of the General Municipal Law.