



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.10

MEETING DATE: 05/06/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/ELECTIONS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Francisco Diaz

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SUBJECT:

COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - F. DIAZ

Receive and accept an executive summary regarding the reintroduction of Bingo Permits within the unincorporated areas of the county, in accordance with County Ordinance 7.01.020 to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and to notify the public that the permitting process has been reactivated.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 943.1

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Summary

The County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters has determined that the Bingo Permitting process in San Benito County has not been actively administered in recent years. Pursuant to County Ordinance 7.01.025, the County Clerk is designated as the responsible authority for overseeing the bingo permitting process.

To ensure that all organizations conducting bingo games within the unincorporated areas of the County are in compliance with applicable local ordinances and State law, the County Clerk has revised and formalized the application process. This updated process is in full compliance with California law and provides clear, comprehensive guidelines for nonprofit organizations engaged in bingo operations.

All organizations currently conducting bingo activities within the unincorporated areas of the County have been notified of the revised requirements and have been provided with a 30-day period from the date of the notice to come into compliance. The purpose of this notice is to facilitate compliance among nonprofit organizations and is not intended to be punitive.

In addition, this Board of Supervisor summary serves as notice to the public that a bingo permitting process is in place. Any nonprofit organization operating within the unincorporated areas of the county must comply with this process in order to legally conduct bingo games. Organizations are required to obtain the appropriate permits before hosting any bingo-related activities.

Dedicated Bingo Permit Page

The County Clerk has established a dedicated Bingo Permit page on the County's official website. This page includes all necessary application forms, relevant Penal Code sections, and a list of licensed bingo operations within the County. The purpose of this page is to enhance public notice, provide easy access to required information, and ensure full accountability and transparency in the bingo permitting process. By making these resources readily available, the County Clerk aims to support compliance and ensure that all individuals and organizations involved in bingo activities are well-informed and able to follow the appropriate legal and procedural guidelines.

Review and Revision of Bingo Permitting Process

The County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters will be conducting a comprehensive review of the current Bingo Permitting Ordinance, including associated policies, procedures, and administrative permitting costs. The existing bingo ordinance, originally enacted in 1966, is outdated and requires revision to reflect current practices, policies, and technological advancements. Over the next six months, the County Clerk's office will collaborate with County Counsel to draft a new ordinance that is in alignment with contemporary legal standards and best practices. While substantial changes to the ordinance are not anticipated, the revisions will focus on improving enforcement mechanisms and ensuring that all bingo operations remain in full compliance with both local and State regulations.

Enforcement

A critical component of the revamped bingo permitting process will be the establishment of strengthened enforcement policies. Effective enforcement will require increased collaboration between various County agencies, including the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office. These agencies will work together to ensure compliance with the bingo ordinance and to address noncompliance. This collaborative approach will also enable the County Clerk's office to take appropriate enforcement actions against individuals or organizations found to be in violation of the permitting process, or those who are intentionally circumventing the established requirements.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

Yes

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.32.1120.1000.610.101

CURRENT FY COST:

\$2,000.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Bingo License Application](#)