

ORDINANCE NO. 3418

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsections (e) and (f) of, and to add a subsection (m) to, Section 13-1-13 (BINGO GAMES AND RAFFLES ALLOWED CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS WITH PERMIT--REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES; REVOCATION OF PERMITS; APPEALS AND PENALTIES), of Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES), Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsections (e) and (f) of Section 13-1-13 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

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(e) Only cash shall be accepted in payment of any charge or fee imposed for playing bingo.

(f) Records of all receipts and disbursements shall be filed with the director of finance by any volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization issued a permit pursuant to subsection (c) on or before November 1 of the calendar year for which permit was issued. In addition, a yearly financial report which accounts for all receipts and disbursements, as prescribed by section 18.2-340.6 of the Virginia Code (1950), as amended, shall be filed with the director by any such volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization on or before November 1 of the year for which its permit was issued, and shall cover the period running from October 1 of the immediately prior year through September 31 of the year in which the report is to be filed. These records and financial reports shall be a matter of public record. Any volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization having yearly gross receipts from bingo games or raffles in excess of \$200,000, as shown on its financial report, shall attach to such report an opinion executed by a licensed certified public accountant that (i) the statement of receipts and disbursements is true and correct, (ii) the proceeds of each and every bingo game or raffle has been used for those lawful, religious, charitable, community or educational purposes for which the volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization is specifically chartered or organized, and (iii) all gross receipts have been used in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this section. The failure of a volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization to file the opinion of a licensed certified accountant, when required, shall be cause for revocation of its permit, and no volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization shall thereafter conduct any bingo game or raffle until the opinion is properly filed with the director and a new permit is obtained.

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Section 2. That Section 13-1-13 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) The director shall cause to be audited any financial report filed pursuant to subsection (f) and section 18.2-340.6 of the Virginia Code (1950), as amended, and may charge the volunteer fire department, rescue squad or organization submitting the report an audit fee of up to one percent of the gross annual receipts reported.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: December 16, 1989