

**CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE
ORDINANCE NO. 21
Approved 7/1/2025, Effective 7/21/2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF LAWFUL
GAMBLING WITHIN THE CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE, MINNESOTA**

The City Council of Rushford Village, Minnesota ordains:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF STATE LAW BY REFERENCE

The provisions of Minn. Stat. ch. 349, as they may be amended from time to time, with reference to the definition of terms, conditions of operation, provisions relating to sales, and all other matters pertaining to lawful gambling are hereby adopted by reference and are made a part of this ordinance as if set out in full. It is the intention of the Council that all future amendments of Minn. Stat. ch. 349, are hereby adopted by reference or referenced as if they had been in existence at the time this ordinance was adopted.

SECTION 2. CITY MAY BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW

The Council is authorized by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 349.213, as it may be amended from time to time, to impose, and has imposed in this ordinance, additional restrictions on gambling within its limits beyond those contained in Minn. Stat. ch. 349, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate lawful gambling within the City of **Rushford Village**, to prevent its commercialization, to ensure the integrity of operations, and to provide for the use of net profits only for lawful purposes.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions contained in Minn. Stat. § 349.12, as it may be amended from time to time, the following terms are defined for purposes of this ordinance:

BOARD, as used in this ordinance, means the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board.

CITY, as used in this ordinance, means the City of **Rushford Village**.

COUNCIL, as used in this ordinance, means the City Council of the City of **Rushford Village**.

LICENSED ORGANIZATION, as used in this ordinance, means an organization licensed by the Board.

LOCAL PERMIT, as used in this ordinance, means a permit issued by the City.

TRADE AREA, as used in this ordinance, means **this City and each city and township contiguous to this City**.

SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY

This ordinance shall be construed to regulate all forms of lawful gambling within the city except bingo conducted within a nursing home or a senior citizen housing project or by a senior citizen organization if the prizes for a single bingo game do not exceed \$10, total prizes awarded at a single bingo occasion do not exceed \$200, only members of the organization, residents of the nursing home or housing project, and their guests, are allowed to play in a bingo game, no compensation is paid for any persons who conduct the bingo, and a manager is appointed to supervise the bingo.

(B) Raffles, if the value of all prizes awarded by the organization in a calendar year does not exceed \$1,500.00.

SECTION 6. LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMITTED

Lawful gambling is permitted within the City if the Council, by resolution adopted by a majority of its members authorizes lawful gambling to occur, provided it is conducted in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 609.75-.763, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time; Minn. Stat. §§ 349.11-.23, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time; and this ordinance.

SECTION 7. COUNCIL APPROVAL

Lawful gambling authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 349.11-.23, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time, shall not be conducted unless approved by the Council, subject to the provisions of this ordinance and state law.

SECTION 8. APPLICATION AND LOCAL APPROVAL OF PREMISES PERMITS

Subd. 1. Any organization seeking to obtain a premises permit from the Board shall file with the city clerk an executed, complete duplicate application, together with all exhibits and documents accompanying the application as will be filed with the Board. The application and accompanying exhibits and documents shall be filed not later than three days after they have been filed with the Board.

Subd. 2. Upon receipt of an application for issuance of a premises permit, the city clerk shall transmit the application to the chief of police, or the Sheriff of the county in which this City is located, for review and recommendation.

Subd. 3. The chief of police, or County Sheriff, shall investigate the matter and make the review and recommendation to the City Council as soon as possible, but in no event later than 45 days following receipt of the notification by the City.

Subd. 4. Organizations applying for a state-issued premises permit shall pay the city a \$100.00 investigation fee. This fee shall be refunded if the application is withdrawn before the investigation is commenced. If approved by the City Council and the Board, a licensed organization will be responsible for an annual investigative fee for conducting lawful gambling within the City.

Subd. 5. The applicant shall be notified in writing of the date on which the Council will consider the recommendation.

Subd. 6. The Council shall receive the police chief or County Sheriff's report and consider the application within 45 days of the date the application was submitted to the city clerk.

Subd. 7. The Council shall by resolution approve or disapprove the application within 60 days of receipt of the application.

Subd. 8. The Council shall deny an application for issuance or renewal of a premises permit for any of the following reasons:

- (i) Violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule, or city ordinance relating to gambling within the last three (3) years.
- (ii) Violation by the on-sale establishment or organization leasing its premises for gambling of any state statute, state rule, or city ordinance relating to the operation of the establishment, including, but not limited to, laws relating to alcoholic beverages, gambling, controlled substances, suppression of vice, and protection of public safety within the last three (3) years.
- (iii) Lawful gambling would be conducted at premises other than those for which an on-sale liquor license has been issued.
- (iv) Lawful gambling would be conducted at more than one premises within the city.
- (v) An organization would be permitted to conduct lawful gambling activities at more than one (1) premises in the city.
- (vi) More than one licensed organization would be permitted to conduct lawful gambling activities at one (1) premises.
- (vii) Failure of the applicant to pay the investigation fee provided by Subdivision 4 within the prescribed time limit.
- (viii) Operation of gambling at the site would be detrimental to health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Otherwise, the Council shall pass a resolution approving the application.

SECTION 9. LOCAL PERMITS

Subd. 1. No organization shall conduct lawful gambling excluded or exempted from state licensure requirements by Minn. Stat. § 349.166, as it may be amended from time to time,

without a valid local permit. This section shall not apply to lawful gambling exempted from local regulation by Section 5 of this ordinance.

Subd. 2. Applications for issuance or renewal of a local permit shall be on a form prescribed by the City. The application shall contain the following information:

- (i) Name and address of the organization requesting the permit.
- (ii) Name and address of the officers and person accounting for receipts, expenses, and profits for the event.
- (iii) Dates of gambling occasion for which permit is requested.
- (iv) Address of premises where event will occur.
- (v) Copy of rental or leasing arrangement, if any, connected with the event, including rent to be charged to the organization.
- (vi) Estimated value of prizes to be awarded.

Subd. 3. The fee for a local permit shall be \$100. The fee shall be submitted with the application for a local permit. This fee shall be refunded if the application is withdrawn before the investigation is commenced.

Subd. 4. Upon receipt of an application for issuance or renewal of a local permit, the city clerk shall transmit the notification to the chief of police or County Sheriff for review and recommendation.

Subd. 5. The chief of police or County Sheriff shall investigate the matter and make review and recommendation to the City Council as soon as possible, but in no event later than 45 days following receipt of the notification by the city.

Subd. 6. The applicant shall be notified in writing of the date on which the Council will consider the recommendation.

Subd. 7. The Council shall receive the police chief or County Sheriff's report and consider the application within 45 days of the date the application was submitted to the city clerk.

Subd. 8. The Council shall deny an application for issuance or renewal of a premises permit for any of the following reasons:

- (i) Violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule, or city ordinance relating to gambling within the last three (3) years.

- (ii) Violation by the on-sale establishment, or organization leasing its premises for gambling, of any state statute, state rule, or city ordinance relating to the operation of the establishment, including, but not limited to, laws relating to the operation of the establishment, laws relating to alcoholic beverages, gambling, controlled substances, suppression of vice, and protection of public safety within the last three (3) years.
- (iii) The organization has not been in existence for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the date of application.
- (iv) The organization does not have at least fifteen (15) active members at the time of its initial license application and thereafter at least thirteen (13) members eligible to vote on gambling matters.
- (v) Exempted or excluded lawful gambling will not take place at a premises the organization owns or rents.
- (vi) Exempted or excluded lawful gambling will not be limited to a premises for which an on-sale liquor license has been issued.
- (vii) Exempted or excluded lawful gambling will occur at more than one premises within the City.
- (viii) An organization will have a permit to conduct exempted or excluded lawful gambling activities on more than one (1) premises in the city.
- (ix) More than one licensed, qualified organization will be conducting exempted or excluded lawful gambling activities at any one (1) premises.
- (x) Failure of the applicant to pay the permit fee provided by subdivision 3 within the prescribed time limit.
- (xi) Operation of gambling at the site would be detrimental to health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Otherwise, the Council shall approve the application.

Subd. 9. Local permits shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked.

SECTION 10. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF LOCAL PERMIT

Subd. 1. A local permit may be revoked or temporarily suspended for a violation by the gambling organization of any state statute, state rule, or city ordinance relating to gambling.

Subd. 2. A license shall not be revoked or suspended until written notice and an opportunity for a hearing have first been given to the permitted person. The notice shall be personally served or sent by certified or registered mail. If the person refuses to accept notice, notice of the violation shall be served by posting it on the premises. Notice shall state the provision reasonably believed to be violated and shall also state that the permitted person may demand a hearing on the matter, in which case the permit will not be suspended until after the hearing is held. If the permitted person requests a hearing, the Council shall hold a hearing on the matter no more than seven business days after the date on which the request is made. If, as a result of the hearing, the Council finds that an ordinance violation exists, then the Council may suspend or revoke the permit.

SECTION 11. LICENSE AND PERMIT DISPLAY

All permits issued under state law or this ordinance shall be prominently displayed during the permit year at the premises where gambling is conducted.

SECTION 12. NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES TO APPLICATION

An organization holding a state-issued premises permit or a local permit shall notify the City within ten (10) days in writing whenever any material change is made in the information submitted on the application.

SECTION 13. CONTRIBUTION OF NET PROFITS TO FUND ADMINISTERED BY CITY

Subd. 1. Each organization licensed to conduct lawful gambling within the City pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.16, as it may be amended from time to time, shall contribute ten percent (10%) of its net profits derived from lawful gambling in the City to a fund administered and regulated by the City without cost to the fund. The City shall disburse the funds for charitable contributions as defined by Minn. Stat. § 349.12, subd. 7a, as it may be amended from time to time.

Subd. 2. Payment under this section shall be made on the last day of each month.

Subd. 3. The City's use of such funds shall be determined at the time of adoption of the City's annual budget or when the budget is amended.

SECTION 14. DESIGNATED TRADE AREA

Subd. 1. Each organization licensed to conduct gambling within the City shall expend one hundred percent (100%) of its lawful purpose expenditures on lawful purposes conducted within the city's trade area.

Subd. 2. This section applies only to lawful purpose expenditures of gross profits derived from gambling conducted at a premises within the City's jurisdiction.

SECTION 15. RECORDS AND REPORTING

Subd. 1. Organizations conducting lawful gambling shall file with the city clerk one copy of all records and reports required to be filed with the Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 349, as it may be amended from time to time, and rules adopted pursuant thereto, as they may be amended from time to time. The records and reports shall be filed on or before the day they are required to be filed with the Board.

Subd. 2. Organizations licensed by the Board shall file a report with the City proving compliance with the trade area spending requirements imposed by Section 14. Such report shall be made on a form prescribed by the City and shall be submitted annually.

SECTION 16. HOURS OF OPERATION

Lawful gambling shall not be conducted between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on any day of the week.

SECTION 17. PENALTY

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance; Minn. Stat. §§ 609.75-609.763, inclusive, as they may be amended from time to time; or Minn. Stat. §§ 349.11-349.21, as they may be amended from time to time; or any rules promulgated under those sections, as they may be amended from time to time, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both, plus in either case the costs of prosecution. In addition, violations shall be reported to the Board and recommendation shall be made for suspension, revocation, or cancellation of an organization's license.

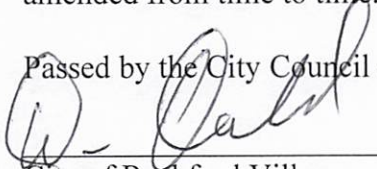
SECTION 18. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat. § 412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

Passed by the City Council of Rushford Village, Minnesota this 1st day of July, 2025.



City of Rushford Village
By: Dennis Overland
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:



City of Rushford Village
By: Mary Miner
Its: City Clerk