

Raffle & Bazaar Permit Questionnaire

Is the organization a nonprofit / charitable organization as defined in MGL Ch. 271, Sec. 7A?
Please refer to the list below:

- a. Veterans organization
- b. Church or religious organization
- c. Fraternal or fraternal benefit society
- d. Educational or charitable organization
- e. Civic or service club or organization
- f. Club or organization organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes, no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any member or shareholder

A “public charity,” must be in compliance with MGL Ch. 12 & 68.

*A “nonprofit” entity has a **charitable purpose** and benefits an **indefinite number of people**.*

If not already on file with the Town Clerk’s Office, evidence that your organization has obtained a nonprofit/tax exempt (501C) status in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is required.

The APPLICATION

*Have three officers of the organization sign the application.

The same three people will need to sign the annual report following the expiration of the permit.

*Have you indicated the use of the proceeds in detail on the application

If permit application information changes after being submitted, you need to inform us so the application can be evaluated with the new information.

The EVENT

*Is your organization aware of the law that applies to raffles and bazaars?
(MGL Ch. 271, Sec. 7A)

*Have you reviewed Questions and Answers on Nonprofit Gaming Events?

*Have you reviewed the regulations, 940 CMR 12.00 (Regulations Governing Raffles) and 940 CMR 13.00 (Regulations Governing Bazaars), if they apply?

***Detailed information can be found on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website www.mass.gov and then search 940 CMR 12.00 and/or CMR 940 13.00)*

The LOTTERY COMMISSION

*The Lottery Commission will send you information and forms about your tax requirements.

ANNUAL REPORT

*Within 30 days of the permit’s expiration (1 year after the issuance), the organization must file 2 copies of a financial report with the Town Clerk certified by the 3 officers on the application and an accountant.
