



Raffle Permits

Before conducting a raffle, M.G.L. c. 271, s. 7A requires the organization to obtain a raffle/bazaar permit from the Town Clerk in the town where the raffle is going to be held.

Only non-profits can obtain a raffle permit (must be a non-profit organization and in existence for a minimum of 2 years).

Please apply no later than 30 days before the first event you wish to hold. If you do not apply on time we cannot guarantee you can hold your event.

The process to obtain a permit is as follows:

1. The permit application is submitted and reviewed by the Town Clerk
2. CORI checks are performed by the Town of Dennis Administration office for 3 officers of the organization.
3. It then goes to the Chief of Police, Commissioner of Public Safety, who decides whether or not to endorse it.
4. If endorsed by the Police Chief, it is returned to the Town Clerk who issues the permit.
5. The clerk issues a permit valid for one year from the date of issue and sends a copy to the Lottery Commission.
6. The Lottery Commission sends a financial form for the organization to complete within 10 days after the raffle is completed.
7. If the application is not endorsed by the Chief of Police or not approved by the Town Clerk within 30 days of applying, the organization may seek judicial review in the District Court.

What is needed for the application:

1. Raffle Application
 - a. Includes the name and address of the organization
 - b. Evidence of non-profit (copy of the charter or by-laws of the non-profit)
 - c. The names and addresses of three officers or members who are responsible for the raffle
 - d. The uses to which the net proceeds will be applied
2. Beano Form (green form) needs the date the organization was formed, the type of organization and the signature of an officer or member of the organization.
3. CORI Acknowledgement Form, to be completed by 3 officers of the organization, including copies of each applicant's photo ID.
4. Annual report (if you previously had a raffle permit).
5. Raffle permit fee (\$25.00 for a new permit or \$10.00 if you are renewing a permit from last year).