

ORDINANCE NUMBER 95-103
CITY OF CORDOVA VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT BINGO ORDINANCE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cordova being aware of the Walker County resolution authorizing the operation of bingo games for charitable purposes within the county; and whereas the City council of the City of Cordova having discussed the possibility of taking the necessary steps to set up a bingo operation in order to provide funding to allow for the operation of the Cordova Voluntary Fire Department and to purchase equipment, uniforms, vehicles, etc. for the same; and whereas the city Council of the City of Cordova desires to adopt an ordinance allowing the operation of a bingo game by the Cordova Voluntary Fire Department within the city limits of the City of Cordova to provide funds to the voluntary fire department of the City of Cordova; and does hereby adopt the following ordinance for the above reasons and purposes. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department Bingo Ordinance.

Section Two: The City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department is hereby authorized to conduct a Bingo Operation in accordance with the terms procedures and restrictions set out in the Walker County Bingo Resolution provided that the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department is able to obtain and keep the permit required from the Sheriff of Walker County as set out in the Walker County Bingo Resolution.

Section Three: The City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department shall conduct any and all bingo games authorized by this ordinance and the Walker County Bingo Resolution at the building out of which the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department operates located at 44 Stevens Street, Cordova, Alabama. No Bingo games shall be conducted at any other location.

Section Four: The Bingo permit obtained from the Sheriff of Walker County allowing the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department to conduct a Bingo Operation shall be displayed conspicuously at the location where the bingo operation is being held at all times.

Section Five: All bingo cards used in any bingo game conducted and operated by the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department shall have printed upon the face of said bingo cards the words "The City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department". The City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department may consent to allow a participant to use his or her own personal card provided that this individual pays the necessary fees or charges associated with participating in any bingo game.

Section Six: Any bingo session conducted by the City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department shall not last more than five hours and no more than two bingo sessions shall be conducted within any given week. No Bingo session shall be conducted on Sunday and any bingo session started on Saturday shall end before 12:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Section Seven: No person under 19 years of age shall be allowed to play bingo unless accompanied by a parent or guardian and no one under the age of nineteen shall be allowed to conduct or assist in conducting any bingo game.

Section Eight: No Alcoholic beverages shall be allowed to be consumed nor shall be stored on the premises on which any bingo game is being conducted

Section Nine: Total prizes, gifts or cash awarded during any bingo session shall not exceed \$3,250.00 (three thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars).

Section Ten: The City of Cordova Voluntary Fire Department shall maintain the following records for a period of one year:

(a) An itemized list of gross receipt for each bingo session.

(b) An itemized list of all expenses, including the name of each person to whom expenses are paid and a receipt or invoice for all of said expenses; involved in the operation of any and all bingo sessions. These records shall be turned over to the Sheriff of Walker County on or before April 15, of each year.

Section Eleven: The net proceeds shall be distributed in the manner allowed under section nine of the Walker County Bingo Resolution and can be distributed in any other manner allowed under the terms of the said Walker County Bingo Resolution.

Section Twelve: No bingo game shall be conducted without a valid permit issued by the Sheriff of Walker County, Alabama.

Section Thirteen: Any ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, which is in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section Fourteen: If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section Fifteen: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning on the 12th day of December, 1995.

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