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Sent via Kiteworks on July 28, 2025 to: Rick Johnstown at [rcjinstaller@yahoo.com](mailto:rcjinstaller@yahoo.com) and  
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## **Notice of Intent to Reject and Opportunity for Hearing**

For purposes of this Notice, the terms “you” or “your” shall refer to the organization American Legion No. 243, hereinafter “AL #243” and specific terms contained herein shall have the same meaning as defined and set forth in the provisions of Chapter 2915 of the Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code.

Rule 109:1-4-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code imposes upon an applicant for a license under Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code “the burden of demonstrating to the attorney general, by clear and convincing evidence, that the applicant is eligible, qualified, and suitable to be granted and retain the license or endorsement for which application is made under the applicable standards and requirements of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code.”

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office hereby informs you that you have not met your burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence your eligibility, qualification and suitability for bingo licensure. Therefore, pursuant to Chapter 2915 of the Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code, the Ohio Attorney General intends to deny your 2025 Instant Bingo and Electronic Instant Bingo License application based on the following reasons:

1. Ohio Administrative Code 109:1-5-14 requires Veterans and Fraternal organizations that conduct electronic instant bingo to file complete quarterly reports with the Attorney General’s Office. In violation of Rule 109:1-5-14, you failed to file complete reports for the following quarters:
  - a. Quarters 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2024: due February 28, 2024, May 30, 2024, August 31, 2024, and November 30, 2024.
  - b. Quarter 1 and 2: due February 28, 2025 and May 31, 2025.
2. The Ohio Administrative Code 109:1-4-02 requires applicants and licensees to provide any information requested by the attorney general relating to licensing, endorsement or regulation; cooperate with the attorney general in investigations, hearings, and enforcement

and disciplinary actions; and comply with all conditions, restrictions, requirements, orders, and rulings of the attorney general in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter. In violation of Rule 109:1-4-02:

- a. you failed to respond to the Attorney General's request for the quarterly reports identified in Paragraph 2, above, by emails sent to you on the following dates:
    - i. 2024: February 6, May 10, August 2, November 1.
    - ii. 2025: February 3, May 9, June 1.
  - b. your failure to file quarterly reports prevented the Attorney General's Bingo Inspectors from performing annual financial reviews of your organization.
3. Ohio Administrative Code 109:1-4-02 requires applicants and licensees to provide any information requested by the attorney general relating to licensing, endorsement or regulation; cooperate with the attorney general in investigations, hearings, enforcement and disciplinary actions; and comply with all conditions, restrictions, requirements, orders, and rulings of the attorney general in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter. In violation of Rule 109:1-4-02:
- a. You have not responded timely or adequately to numerous requests for quarterly reports documentation. Absent this information your charitable distribution amount for 2024 cannot be properly calculated.
  - b. You have not provided satisfactory proof of your recent 2022 charitable distribution payment to your contracted charity.
4. Revised Code Section 2915.08(F)(2)(e) authorizes the Attorney General to deny a bingo license if it "has good cause to believe that the organization will not conduct bingo in accordance with sections [2915.07](#) to [2915.15](#) of the Revised Code or with any rule adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this chapter." In view of the foregoing circumstances, the Attorney General has good cause to believe that the you will not conduct bingo in accordance with sections [2915.07](#) to [2915.15](#) of the Revised Code or with any rule it has adopted.

Pursuant to Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, you are entitled to a hearing on this matter if you timely request one. If you wish to request a hearing, the Attorney General's Office must receive the request from you within 30 days of the date of the mailing of this notice. You may email a request to the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section at [Kimberly.Bossman@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Bossman@OhioAGO.gov). Alternatively, you may mail a request to:

Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Attn: Bingo Unit, Charitable Law Section  
30 East Broad Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

In the event there is a timely request for a hearing, you may appear in person and represent yourself or be represented by an attorney that is permitted to practice law in the State of Ohio.\* At the hearing, you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against you. In lieu of attending the hearing, you may also present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing.

**\*Be advised that, under Ohio law, corporations must be represented by an attorney authorized to practice law in this State and that individuals not so authorized may not appear and represent those entities. If you have any questions regarding your status, you should contact an attorney for further guidance.**

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