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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”.

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office hereby informs you that it intends to reject and deny your 2026 Electronic and Paper Instant Bingo License Application for the following reasons:

1. Ohio Revised Code Section (“O.R.C.”) 2915.08(F)(2)(a) authorizes the Attorney General to refuse to issue a license to an organization that has violated sections 2915.07 through 2915.13 or any rule adopted thereunder.

In violation of this section, your organization’s 2025 bingo application was **rejected** pursuant to an adjudication order dated February 10, 2026, for violating Ohio Administrative Code Section (“O.A.C.”)109:1-4-02.

2. O.R.C. 2915.101(A)(1) requires Veterans and Fraternal Organizations to distribute a percentage of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to an organization described in O.R.C. 2915.01(V)(1).

In violation of O.R.C. 2915.101(A)(1), you have **underpaid** your designated and/or contracting charity, American Legion Department of Ohio Charities by \$23,945.70 in 2025.

3. O.A.C. 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. Your organization did not comply with this requirement for the following quarters;

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4. O.A.C. 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 O.A.C. 109:1-4-02:
 - a. You did not respond timely or adequately to numerous requests for complete quarterly reports documentation. Absent this information a 2024 and 2025 annual financial inspection on your organization was significantly delayed and charitable distribution amounts for 2024-2025 could not be properly calculated. The missing documentation was eventually provided in January 2026 after new bingo volunteers intervened.
 - b. The 2026 bingo application has Megan Scribner’s email (which is not valid) listed as the contact email for AL #243. This was an ongoing issue and was litigated in the parties hearing on November 17, 2025.

5. O.A.C. 109:1-5-21(A)(3)(c) states “[a]fter the close of business on the last day of every month, an organization is required to separate its starting cash bank amount from the total cash contained in the cash register and to deposit the excess cash into its designated electronic instant bingo account within four days.”

Your organization failed to adhere to this statutory requirement routinely throughout 2024-2025.

6. O.A.C. 109:1-5-21(A)(3)(d) states “[i]f at any time during the month the proceeds of electronic instant bingo exceeds two thousand dollars over the starting cash bank, the excess must be deposited into the designated bank account within four days.”

Your organization failed to adhere to this statutory requirement routinely throughout 2024-2025.

7. O.R.C. 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.”

The 2026 application has not been updated to reflect the current officers or bingo volunteers fo AL #243. Several individuals still listed on the application are no longer associated with the organization and/or with bingo conduct.

Additionally, considering the above captioned violations, the Attorney General has good cause to believe that you will not conduct bingo in accordance with sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code or with rules promulgated thereunder.

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. Alternatively, you may mail a request to:

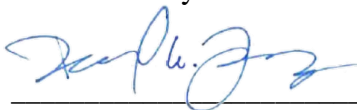
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Attn: Bingo Unit, Charitable Law Section
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In the event there is a timely request for a hearing, you may appear in person and represent yourself or be represented by an attorney that is permitted to 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.**

Very respectfully yours,

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