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September 16, 2025

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Re: **Notice of Intent to Revoke and Opportunity for Hearing**

Board Members and Game Operators:

Enclosed is a Notice of Intent to Revoke and Opportunity for Hearing. Please read it carefully as the information contained within concerns American Legion Post No. 27's bingo license. Be advised if you would like to request a hearing on this matter, **you must do so within 30 days of the service of this Notice.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

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Notice of Intent to Revoke and Opportunity for Hearing

For purposes of this Notice, the terms “you” or “your” shall refer to the organization “American Legion Post No. 27”.

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office hereby informs you that it intends to revoke your 2025 Electronic/Paper Instant Bingo License for the following reasons:

1. Ohio Revised Code Section 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 Revised Code Section 2915.01(V)(1). In violation of Revised Code Section 2915.101(A)(1), you underpaid your contracted charities by \$10,702.63 in 2024.
2. Ohio Revised Code Section 2915.10(C) requires the gross profit from each bingo session, “be deposited into a checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account.”

You did not follow this requirement and therefore the following denotes the status of your instant bingo accounts.

- Electronic instant bingo account: 2022 (\$30,611); 2023 (40,351); 2024 (36,225).
- Paper instant bingo account: 2022 (5,834); 2023 over 25,201; 2024 (2,395).

Additionally, unallowable expenses were paid out of these accounts in the following aggregate amounts:

- Electronic/paper instant bingo accounts: 2022-2023 over \$15,000
- Electronic/paper instant bingo accounts: 2024 over \$15,000

3. Ohio Administrative Code 109:1-4-01(A) requires charitable organizations that conduct bingo to submit information showing compliance with Chapter 1716 of the Revised Code. Revised Code Section 1716.02 requires you to timely file an annual registration statement, report and pay a registration fee.

In violation of Rule 109:1-4-01(A) and Revised Code Section 1716.02, your organization failed to timely file 2023 registration documents, thereby incurring a late fee of \$200. The fee remains unpaid, and as result, you are not in compliance with your registration requirements.

4. Ohio Administrative Code 109:1-5-14 requires Veterans and Fraternal organizations that conduct electronic instant bingo to file a quarterly report with the Attorney General's Office. In violation of Rule 109:1-5-14, you failed to file reports for the following quarters:

Quarters 2, 3, and 4, 2022: due respectively May 30, 2022, August 31, 2022 and November 30, 2022, respectfully.

Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2023: due February 28, 2023, May 30, 2023, August 31, 2023 and November 30, 2023.

Quarters 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2024: due February 28, 2024, May 30, 2024, August 31, 2024, and November 30, 2024.

Quarters 1 and 2, 2025: due February 28, 2025, and May 31, 2025.

5. 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. AL #27 failed to respond to the Attorney General's request for the following:

- Quarterly reports identified in Paragraph 2, above, by emails sent to you three times in 2022, four times in 2023, four times in 2024 and twice in 2025.
- Written responses arising out of the 2022-2023 and 2024 Annual Financial Inspection Reports.
- Payment of the AGO Registration late fee of \$200 as requested through one portal task request and several emails from March 7, 2025, through June 16, 2025.

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:

Ohio Attorney General's Office
Attn: Bingo Unit, Charitable Law Section
30 East Broad Street, 25th 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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