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## **Notice of Intent to Deny the Application for a 2026 Type III Instant Bingo License**

- A. For purposes of this Notice: the terms “you” or “your” shall refer to the organization “Polish Legion of American Veterans #32” (“Polish Legion #32”) 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.
- B. Rule 109:1-4-02 of the 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.”
- C. 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 Ohio Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code, the Attorney General intends to deny your 2026 Type III Instant Bingo License Application (“Application”) based on the following circumstances:
  - 1. During a site inspection conducted on September 9, 2025, a Compliance Inspector from the Bingo Unit of the Attorney General’s Office discovered two unlicensed electronic gambling machines. During a telephone conversation with the Compliance Inspector on November 21, 2025, you acknowledged that the two unlicensed electronic gambling machines were still present at your premises.
  - 2. On December 19, 2024, agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit of the Ohio Department of Public Safety charged you and your liquor permit with five violations of Rule 4301:1-1-53 of the Ohio Administrative Code (“Rule 53”) for having three illegal slot machines. By Final Order dated October 30, 2025, the Ohio Liquor Control Commission found you in violation of the five gambling offenses and imposed a 15-day suspension of your liquor permit with the option to pay a \$1,500 forfeiture in lieu of serving that suspension.

3. On December 19, 2024, agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit of the Ohio Department of Public Safety charged Vincent Cervellino (“Cervellino”) with the criminal offenses of Gambling and Operating a Gambling House. On May 21, 2025, Cervellino pled guilty to, and was found guilty of, the amended charge of Possessing Criminal Tools. Cervellino submitted your Application and is identified in it as the “Principal Person of Charitable Organization,” “Custodian of Bingo Records,” and “Bingo Volunteer.”
- D. In view of the foregoing, the Attorney General’s Office intends to deny your 2026 Type III Instant Bingo License Application because you have not met your burden of demonstrating to the Attorney General, by clear and convincing evidence, that you are eligible, qualified, and suitable to be granted a license under the applicable standards and requirements of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code and agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code and based on the following reasons:
1. Revised Code Section 2915.09 prohibits a charitable organization from permitting “any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator.” In violation of Section 2915.09 of the Revised Code, you permit Vincent Cervellino, a person convicted of a felony and/or a gambling offense, to wit: Possessing Criminal Tools amended from the original charge of Operating a Gambling House, to serve as a bingo game operator.
  2. Rule 109:1-4-04 of the Administrative Code allows the Attorney General to deny a license application if there has been the “[e]ntry of any civil or administrative judgment against the applicant, a key employee of the applicant, or any affiliate of the applicant that is based, in whole or in part, on conduct that allegedly constituted a felony crime, or involvement in illegal gambling in the state or other jurisdiction in which the conduct occurred that may affect the applicant’s ability to properly perform his or her or its duties or reflect unfavorably on the integrity of charity gaming in Ohio.” In violation of Rule 109:1-4-04 of the Administrative Code, there has been the entry of a civil or administrative judgment against you, to wit: the Ohio Liquor Control Commission found you in violation of Rule 53, which prohibits liquor permit holders from possessing or using upon or about its premises any gambling device which is or has been used for any gambling in violation of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.
  3. 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 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 you are served with this notice. You may email a request for a hearing to the Ohio 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  
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In the event you timely request 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. At all times, you have the burden of demonstrating to the attorney general, by clear and convincing evidence, that you are eligible, qualified, and suitable for licensure under Chapter 2915 of the Revised Code and Agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code.

**\*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.**

Respectfully,

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