

City of Oakes Game of Chance Permit

Each application for a game of chance permit needs to be submitted to City Hall and approved by the Council (Council meets the first Monday of each month).

A Permit is required for any game that requires exchange of money for an equal chance to win a prize.

Effective August 1, 2009, state law changes to increase the value of a primary merchandise prize awarded under a permit to \$6,000. A donated merchandise prize is valued at its retail price when it is acquired. No single cash prize can exceed \$4,000 and total cash prizes for one day may not exceed \$4,000. The total of all prizes for all games cannot exceed \$12000 in a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), if these conditions happen the prizes must be reduced or the organization must apply for a State Gaming License.

Organization conducting bingo are no longer required to file "Bingo Excise Tax Return for Local Permit or Charity Local Permit" and will not be required to remit a 3% bingo excise tax on bingo card sales to the Attorney General's office (effective July 1, 2009)

FEE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION \$10.00

Once approval of the application is received from the Council, a Permit will be completed. The original is given to the applicant and must be displayed at the event. A copy is kept on file at City Hall and a copy is sent to the Attorney General.

State Gaming Site Authorizations also need to be approved by the Council and signed by the City Auditor. These licenses are necessary if the prize value is greater than the above listed limits and if the organization does Pull-Tabs and/or 21 games on a regular basis.

For more information contact the Attorney General's State Gaming Division at 800-326-9240 or the Licensing Section 701-328-2329.