

GAMES OF CHANCE ORDINANCE
ADOPTED MAY 19, 1981

Section 1. **TITLE.** This ordinance shall be entitled the Games of Chance Ordinance of the Town of Cambria.

Section 2. **DEFINITIONS.** “Authorized Organization” shall mean an authorized organization as defined in Section 4 of Section 186 of the General Municipal Law as follows: “Authorized organization” shall mean and include any bona fide religious or charitable organization or bona fide educational or service organization or bona fide organization of veterans or volunteer fireman, which by its charter, certificate of incorporation, constitution, or act of the legislature, shall have among its dominant purposes one or more of the lawful purposes as defined in this article provided that each shall operate without profit to its members, and provided that each such organization has engaged in serving one or more of the lawful purposes as defined in this article for a period of three years immediately prior to applying for a license under this article.

No organization shall be deemed an authorized organization which is formed primarily for the purpose of conducting games of chance and the distribution of the proceeds thereof to itself or any other organization and which does not devote at least seventy-five percent of its activities to other purposes set forth in this subdivision. No political party shall be deemed an authorized organization.

GAMES OF CHANCE shall mean a game of chance as defined in Section 3 of Section 186 of the General Municipal Law.

Section 3. **GAMES OF CHANCE AUTHORIZED.** Authorized organizations may, upon obtaining a license from the Town Clerk, conduct Games of Chance within the Town of Cambria as provided in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law and as provided further in this ordinance. Such games of chance shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and with the rules and regulations adopted by the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 4. **RESTRICTIONS.** The conduct of games of chance shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 189 of the General Municipal Law.

Section 5. **SUNDAY GAMES.** Games of Chance may be conducted on Sunday pursuant to this ordinance. However, no games of chance shall be conducted on Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or New Year’s Eve.

Section 6. **ENFORCEMENT.** The Niagara County Sheriff shall exercise control over and supervision of all games of chance conducted under duly authorized license. The Sheriff shall have all those powers and duties set forth in and for the enforcement of Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law.

Section 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after posting and publication thereof.