

Chapter 76

GAMES OF CHANCE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles 9-10-1992 by L.L. No. 2-1992. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 76-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Games of Chance Law of the Town of Skaneateles."

§ 76-2. Findings and purpose.

The Town of Skaneateles hereby declares that the raising of funds for the promotion of bona fide charitable, educational, scientific, health, religious and patriotic causes and undertakings, where the beneficiaries are undetermined, is in the public interest. In the past, games of chance have been the subject of exploitation by professional gamblers, promoters and commercial interests. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Town of Skaneateles to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of games of chance so as to accommodate their use as a means of raising money for bona fide charitable organizations while discouraging the exploitation of games of chance by gamblers, promoters and commercial interests.

§ 76-3. Word usage and definitions.

The words and terms used in this chapter shall have the same meanings as such words and terms are used in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law unless otherwise provided herein or unless the context requires a different meaning.

§ 76-4. License required.

Games of chance may be conducted in the Town of Skaneateles by an authorized organization only after obtaining a license therefor from the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles in accordance with the provisions, requirements and limitations of Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law, the rules and regulations of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and this chapter.

§ 76-5. Conduct of games on Sunday.

The conduct of games of chance on Sundays is authorized, and licensed issued by the Town Clerk should specifically so provide, except as is otherwise provided in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law; and in no event shall such games of chance be conducted on Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or New Year's Eve.

§ 76-6. Restrictions.

Restrictions on the conduct of games of chance, as authorized herein, shall be as contained in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law.

§ 76-7. Enforcement.

The powers and duties set forth in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law shall be exercised by the Sheriff of the County of Onondaga.

§ 76-8. License fee.

The fee payable to the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles upon issuance of a license shall be in accordance with and as provided in the Town Law, provided that at a referendum at the special election held for the purpose of submitting this chapter for the approval by the electorate, pursuant to the provisions of law, a majority of the qualified electors of the Town voting at said referendum shall approve the same by voting for the adoption of said chapter.

§ 76-9. When effective.

Except as may otherwise be provided in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the provisions of this chapter shall not be effective in the Town of Skaneateles, County of Onondaga and State of New York, unless and until a proposition submitted at a general or special election shall be approved by a vote of the majority of the qualified electors in said Town of Skaneateles, County of Onondaga and State of New York.¹ Upon an approving vote, this chapter shall take effect on the 30th day thereafter.

¹. Editor's Note: This local law was passed at referendum on 11-3-1992.