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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Krachmer & City Council Members

**FROM:** Kevin Watson, City Administrator

**DATE:** April 18, 2023

**RE:** Approval of LG220 Lawful Gambling Permit for Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation (VHEDC)

### **Recommended Council Action**

Approve application for Minnesota Lawful Gambling Permit LG220 submitted by the Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation (VHEDC) to allow a raffle on November 9, 2023.

### **Background**

The Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation (VHEDC) wishes to hold its annual fundraiser raffle on November 9, 2023. This organization has held similar events for the last several years without any problems and is in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office. The VHEDC spends the majority of its monies toward improving economic development in the City or our trade area, and is a non-profit organization.

Attachments: LG220 Application and SOS Certificate of Good Standing







<p align="center"><b>How You May Spend Gambling Funds</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>How You May Not Spend Gambling Funds</b></p>
<p><b>Allowable expenses</b> - Gambling funds may be spent for allowable expenses, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gambling equipment (pull-tabs, bingo paper, bingo blower, paddlewheel tickets, tipboard games);</li> <li>• advertising;</li> <li>• printing raffle tickets; or</li> <li>• any services or goods that are directly related to the conduct of your gambling.</li> </ul> <p><b>Charitable contributions</b> - Gambling funds may be spent for the following charitable contributions (lawful purpose):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to or by 501(c)(3) organization and 501(c)(4) festival organizations;</li> <li>• relieving the effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability;</li> <li>• problem gambling programs approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Services;</li> <li>• public or private nonprofit school;</li> <li>• scholarships (if a contribution is made to a scholarship fund, it must be made to a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to award scholarships);</li> <li>• church;</li> <li>• recognition of military service (open to public) or active military personnel in need;</li> <li>• activities and facilities benefiting youth under age 21;</li> <li>• citizen monitoring of surface water quality, with data submitted to Minnesota PCA;</li> <li>• unit of government (NOTE: A direct contribution to a law enforcement or prosecutorial agency is not allowed);</li> <li>• wildlife management projects or activities that benefit the public-at-large, with DNR approval;</li> <li>• grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain trails that are grant-in-aid trails, or other trails open to public use, with DNR approval;</li> <li>• supplies and materials for DNR training and educational programs;</li> <li>• nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons who are 62 or older or disabled;</li> <li>• community arts organizations or programs;</li> <li>• humanitarian service recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy; and</li> <li>• acquisition and repair of real property and capital assets (contact the Gambling Control Board for requirements).</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Controlled contribution</b> - An organization may not retain any control over any contribution made from gambling funds. The only exception is for expenditures by a 501(c)(3) organization or a 501(c)(4) festival organization to its general fund.</li> <li>2. <b>Financial gain</b> - A contribution or expenditure may not be made if it results in any monetary, economic, financial, or material benefit to the organization making the contribution or expenditure.</li> <li>3. <b>Government</b> - An expenditure may not be made for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• influencing the nomination or election of a candidate for public office;</li> <li>• promoting or defeating a ballot question; or</li> <li>• any activity intended to influence an election or a governmental decision-making process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Law enforcement</b> - A direct contribution may not be made to a law enforcement or prosecutorial agency.</li> <li>5. <b>Pension</b> - A contribution may not be made to a government pension or retirement fund, such as a fire relief association.</li> <li>6. <b>Conflict of interest</b> - A contribution or expenditure may not be made if it is not allowed under the conflict of interest provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 317A.255.</li> <li>7. <b>Alcohol</b> - An expenditure may not be made for the purchase of any intoxicating liquor, wine, or malt beverages.</li> <li>8. <b>Fundraising</b> - An expenditure may not be made for fundraising costs, except as allowed for a 501(c)(3) organization or 501(c)(4) festival organization from its general fund.</li> <li>9. <b>Other organizations</b> - With few exceptions, gambling funds may not be contributed to other organizations or clubs such as veterans, fraternal, Lions, etc. unless it is a 501(c)(3) organization.</li> <li>10. <b>Other contributions</b> - A contribution may not be made to a 501(c)(3) organization or another entity with the intent or effect of not complying with lawful purpose restrictions or requirements.</li> </ol>

**Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State  
Certificate of Good Standing**

I, Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The business entity listed below was filed pursuant to the Minnesota Chapter listed below with the Office of the Secretary of State on the date listed below and that this business entity is registered to do business and is in good standing at the time this certificate is issued.

Name: Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation  
Date Filed: 11/07/1984  
File Number: X-1149  
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 317A  
Home Jurisdiction: Minnesota

This certificate has been issued on: 03/27/2023



Steve Simon  
Secretary of State  
State of Minnesota