

# Town of Durham

## Ordinance Providing for the Regulation of Bazaars and Raffles

### Section 1. Bazaars and Raffles authorized

Bazaars and raffles are permitted in the town as authorized by Connecticut state statutes, including without limitation Conn. Gen. Stat. §§7-170 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time. In accordance with Public Act 17-231, effective January 1, 2018, the town will be responsible for the permitting and enforcement of all bazaars and raffles. In addition, the town will be responsible for receiving and monitoring the post event reporting by the organization.

### Section 2. Bazaars and Raffles Permits

Bazaar and Raffle permits may be issued to qualifying non-profit organizations by the First Selectman. Permit application forms are available on the Town’s website or at the First Selectman’s office. The permit application, proof of non-profit status and fees shall be submitted to the Office of the First Selectman.

### Section 3. Bazaar and Raffle Permit Fees

Bazaar and raffle permit applications shall be accompanied with the fee as outlined in the table below:

<u>Permit Class</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Class 1	\$ 75.00
Class 2	\$ 30.00
Class 3	\$ 20.00 per day
Class 4	\$ 15.00
Class 5	\$120.00
Class 6	\$150.00
Class 7	\$300.00

Payment shall be made payable to “Town of Durham” and submitted with the permit application to the Office of the First Selectman.

### Section 4. Bazaars

Bazaar permits may be issued to qualifying non-profit organizations wishing to run a bazaar in the Town of Durham. Bazaar permit application fees are on a per day basis. Examples of bazaar games are 50/50, tea cup, and blower ball games. If total prizes exceed \$7,500, the

Town shall investigate the qualifications of the organization and verify the facts on the application.

After each bazaar has been permitted and completed, a verified statement to include gross receipts, expenses, net profit and prizes awarded is to be filed with the First Selectman's Office of the Town of Durham by the organization at the end of the next succeeding month. There is no payment to the Town in conjunction with the verified statement.

**Section 5. Raffles**

Raffle permits are issued to qualifying non-profit organizations wishing to run a raffle in the Town of Durham. There are various classes of raffle permits which are based on factors such as length of time tickets will be sold and the aggregate value of prizes to be awarded. The application fees differ for each raffle permit type. Examples of raffles are cash prizes, duck race, cow chip, frog race, golf ball drop, etc. If total prizes exceed \$7,500 the Town shall investigate the qualifications of the organization and verify the facts on the application.

After each raffle has been permitted and completed, a verified statement to include gross receipts, expenses, net profit and prizes awarded is to be filed with the Office of the First Selectman of the Town of Durham by the organization at the end of the next succeeding month. There is no payment to the Town in conjunction with the verified statement.

**Section 6. Revocation of Bazaar and Raffle Permits**

The First Selectman shall have the authority to investigate potential violations of this ordinance and the applicable state statutes and, in his or her discretion, to protect the public welfare, may immediately suspend or revoke any permit issued under this Section and to order that the person holding such permit cease and desist from the actions constituting any such violation. Any person aggrieved by such order shall have the right to appeal such decision as provided by state statute. In the event the First Selectman revokes a permit issued pursuant to this Section, no bazaar or raffle permit shall be issued to such permittee for a period of one year after the date of such revocation.

**Section 7. Penalties for offenses**

Failure of any organization to file the required permit application or verified statement shall be in violation of this Chapter. Any organization violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000.

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