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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring: Art. I, 1-13-77 as L.L. No. 1-1977; Art. II, 5-13-58. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

Licensing - See Ch. 71.

**ARTICLE I**

**Authorization for Games**

**[Adopted 1-13-77 as L.L. No. 1-1977]**

**§ 55-1. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION** - An authorized organization as defined in paragraph 4 of § 186 of the General Municipal Law.

GAMES OF CHANCE - A game of chance as defined in paragraph 3 of § 186 of the General Municipal Law.

VILLAGE - The Village of Cold Spring.

**§ 55-2. Authorization.**

Authorized organizations may, upon the obtainment of a license from the Clerk of the Village of Cold Spring, conduct games of chance within the Village of Cold Spring as provided in Article 9A of the General Municipal Law and as provided further in this Article. Such games of chance shall be conducted in accordance with the general state law and with the rules and regulations of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and this Article.

**§ 55-3. Enforcement.**

The chief law enforcement officer of the Village shall exercise control over and supervision of all games of chance conducted under an appropriately issued license. Such officer shall have all those powers and duties set forth in Article 9-A of the General Municipal Law.

**§ 55-4. When effective.**

This Article shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State's Office, following its approval at referendum by a majority of qualified voters voting thereon at a general election held pursuant to the provisions of § 23 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.<sup>1</sup>

**§ 55-4.1. Games of chance on Sunday. [Added 7-8-80 by L.L. No. 1-1980]**

Except as provided in § 195-b of the General Municipal Law. No games of chance shall be conducted under any license issued under this Article on the first day of the week, commonly known and designated as "Sunday," unless it shall be otherwise provided in the license issued for the conducting thereof, authorizing the conduct of games of chance under this Article on that day only between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight withstanding the foregoing provisions of this section. No games of chance shall be conducted on Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or New Year's Eve.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: The local law authorizing games of chance was approved by the electors on March 15, 1977.

ARTICLE II  
**Bingo**  
[Adopted 5-13-58]

**§ 55-5. Authorization; restrictions.**

It shall be lawful for any authorized organization, as defined in § 476 of Article 14-G of the General Municipal Law,<sup>2</sup> upon obtaining the required license, to conduct the game of bingo within the territorial limits of the Village of Cold Spring, subject to the provisions of this Article, Article 14G of the General Municipal Law, Article 19-B of the Executive Law and the following restrictions:

- A. No person, firm, association, corporation or organization other than an authorized organization licensed under the provisions of this Article shall be permitted to conduct such games.
- B. The entire net proceeds of any game shall be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the organization permitted to conduct the same.
- C. No single prize shall exceed the sum or value of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- D. No series of prizes on any one (1) occasion shall aggregate more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- E. No person except a bona fide member of any such organization shall participate in the management or operation of such game.
- F. No person shall receive any remuneration for participating in the management or operation of any such game.
- G. The unauthorized conduct of a bingo game and any willful violation of any provision of this Article shall constitute and be punishable as a misdemeanor.

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<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: Article 14.G of the General Municipal Law was renumbered Article 14-H and slightly revised by L. 1962, c. 438. Note that the ordinance authorizing bingo was approved by the electors on June 3, 1958.