



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN  
TOWN CLERK**

**RAFFLE AND BAZAAR PERMIT INFORMATION SHEET**

A **Raffle** is defined in MGL 271:7A as an arrangement for raising money by the sale of tickets, certain among which, as determined by chance after the sale, entitle the holders to prizes.

A **Bazaar** is defined in MGL 271:7A as a place maintained by the sponsoring organization for disposal by means of chance of one or both of the following types of prizes: (1) merchandise, of any value (2) cash awards, not to exceed twenty-five dollars each.

**Qualifications of Organizations**

1. Type of organization
  - a. Veterans' Organization
  - b. Church or religious organization
  - c. Fraternal or fraternal benefit society
  - d. Educational or charitable organization
  - e. Civic or service club or organization
  - f. Clubs or organizations organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes
2. Such organization shall have been organized and actively functioning as a *NONPROFIT* organization in the Commonwealth for a period of not less than two years before it may apply for a permit.

**Proceeds**

All funds derived from any raffle or bazaar shall be used exclusively for the purposes stated in the application of the sponsoring organization which purposes shall be limited to educational, charitable, religious, fraternal or civic purposes or for veterans' benefits.

**Operation of the Raffle or Bazaar**

Promotion of the raffle or bazaar shall be confined solely to the qualified members of the sponsoring organization and no such member shall be compensated for time or effort devoted to the promotion or operation of such raffle or bazaar.