



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** October 14, 2019
Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2019-044, approving the city's continued receipt of bingo prize fee funds and authorizing the City Manager to submit the Bingo Prize Fee Funds County/Municipality Governing Body Vote Verification Notice.
Presenter: Mark Mills, Director of Finance

Summary:

During the last legislative session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 914 requiring the City Council to take action to continue receiving a share of bingo prize fees. The City Council will need to approve a resolution affirming its intention to continue receipt of these prize fees by a majority vote. After approval, the city will then be required to notify the Texas Lottery Commission of the vote no later than November 1, 2019.

General Description:

During the 86th regular legislative session (2019), the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 914 relating to bingo prize fees. In order for the city to continue to receive a share of any bingo prize fees collected after January 1, 2020, specific requirements must be met:

1. Approve the continued receipt of the share of the bingo prize fees funds by a majority vote;
2. Notify the Texas Lottery Commission ("TLC") of the City Council's decision no later than November 1, 2019; and
3. Notify each licensed authorized organization within the municipality's jurisdiction, as applicable, of the continued imposition of the fee.

If no vote is taken and TLC is not notified by November 1, 2019, the city will permanently forfeit its right to receive prize fees generated by bingo.

Based on records of the City Secretary's Office, there are no licensed authorized organizations registered within the city at this time. In addition, the Finance Department conducted a review of its records, as well as reports available through the Texas Lottery Commission's Charitable Bingo website (www.txbingo.org), and was unable to identify any payments to North Richland Hills going back to January 2017. Even though there are no registered organizations within North Richland



Hills and no recent payments to the city, it is staff's recommendation that Council approve the resolution in order to retain its right to receive bingo related revenue into the future.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 Texas Lottery Commission Letter
- Attachment 2 Bingo Prize Fee Funds County/Municipality
 Governing Body Vote Verification Notice

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2019-044.