

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance to amend Grand Forks City Code §§ 9-0401(2) and 9-0406 relating to gaming and site authorization of gaming.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, pursuant to its home rule charter, Grand Forks City Code and N.D.C.C. ch. 40-11 that:

**Section 1: Amending Clause to Amend Grand Forks City Code § 9-0401(2).**

Grand Forks City Code § 9-0401(2) is amended to read as follows (the amending language in bold, with deletions stricken through and additions underlined):

**9-0401. - Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, as used in this section, shall be defined as follows:

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- (2) *Eligible organization* **has the same meaning as an “eligible organization” defined in North Dakota Century Code § 53-06.1-01. means bona fide nonprofit veterans, charitable, educational, religious, and fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, and other public spirited organizations as defined by Chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, which may be licensed by the attorney general or authorized by the governing body of the City of Grand Forks to conduct games of chance.**

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**Section 2: Amending Clause to Amend Grand Forks City Code § 9-0406.**

Grand Forks City Code § 9-0406 is amended to read as follows (the amending language in bold, with deletions stricken through and additions underlined):

**9-0406. – Site authorizations.**

- (1) The city may, in its discretion, grant site authorizations to eligible organizations to conduct gaming as provided by Chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, subject to additional provisions **and qualifications** contained within this article.
- (2) **Effective July 1, 2026, to receive a site authorization, the eligible organization must meet each of the following qualifications:**
- (A) **The eligible organization’s principal executive office for its charitable purpose is located within Grand Forks County, North Dakota.**

**(B) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the eligible organization's employees serving the charity's charitable purpose reside within either Grand Forks County, North Dakota or Polk County, Minnesota.**

**(C) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the eligible organization's board, making decisions on how the eligible organization's charitable gaming proceeds are spent, reside within either Grand Forks County, North Dakota or Polk County, Minnesota.**

**(3) The eligible organization shall submit with its site authorization request a written statement certifying, under penalty of perjury, that it meets each of the qualifications described in Grand Forks City Code § 9-0406(2).**

**(4)** The city council may authorize the conduct of games of chance on a temporary basis, not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours, in conjunction with any state, multistate or national convention or competition, which authorization shall be subject to all other regulations established herein.

**Section 3: Effectivity.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after publication thereof, as provided by law.

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Brandon Bochenski, Mayor  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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Maureen Storstad, City Auditor  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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