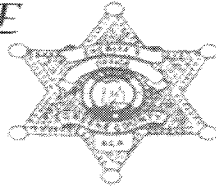


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October 13, 2023

SENT VIA CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

HED Group
c/o Mr. Ken Hobbs
River's Edge Bingo
29214 United States Highway 11
Knoxville, Alabama 35469

Tishabee Community Non-Profit Organization
c/o Honorable Allen Turner, Jr.
311 County Road 70
Boligee, Alabama 35443

Tishabee Volunteer Fire Department
c/o Honorable Allen Turner, Sr.
Route 1, Box 62
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Next Level Leaders
c/o Ms. LaTanya Fowler
735 County Road 231
Eutaw, Alabama 35461

Next Level Leaders
c/o Honorable Corey Cockrell
523 Franchie Burton Court
Eutaw, Alabama 35462

Dear Mr. Hobbs, Commissioner Turner, Ms. Fowler, and Commissioner Cockrell:

As you know, pursuant to Amendment 743 to the Alabama Constitution, I am charged with the duty of promulgating rules and regulating the operation of bingo in Greene County. The Attorney General continues to object to the operation of bingo in the County. Because many of his complaints center around the games being offered, I have amended the Recomplied Rules &

Regulations (“the Rules”) to define, for the first time, an “electronic marking machine,” to institute new elements that will ensure every player plays a traditional, if electronic, bingo game via the implementation of “Bookend Bingo,” and to require the licensure of every vendor offering bingo equipment in Greene County. Because I understand that one or more vendors offers Bingo Equipment at your facility in Greene County, Alabama, I am sending you a copy of the newly amended rules and a proclamation highlighting the changes made to them. I have also written to the vendors of which I am aware and provided them with a set of the Rules and an application for licensure as a vendor. Please provide to me, within three (3) days, a list of every Bingo Equipment Vendor operating at River’s Edge including a proper mailing address.

You will note that, to continue doing business in Greene County, you must fully integrate and incorporate Bookend Bingo and become licensed to provide bingo equipment, as that term is defined in the Rules, by November 24, 2023. **The failure to comply with the Rules carries with it a potential penalty up to and including the disabling and/or removal of any noncompliant software and equipment provided by unlicensed Bingo Equipment Vendor(s) and the interruption of operations for noncompliant bingo facilities.**

Finally, please be aware that your licensure and/or operation within Greene County subjects you to the jurisdiction of my office and requires your cooperation with my office in the course of routine audits such as those described in this letter. As a part of this process, you may receive such a request from my Office. When and if you or your company is selected for an audit, a representative of my Office will contact you directly to describe what information is required to complete the audit. Please treat any such request as if it came directly from me. Your full cooperation will be appreciated. Any information collected during the course of an audit will be treated as proprietary and confidential and will not be disclosed to any other party by my staff other than as part of an official action of the Greene County Sheriff’s Office.

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters. I believe these changes will further ensure the uninterrupted and litigation-free continuation of bingo in Greene County for many years to come. If you have any questions about this letter, the Rules, or the changes to them, I invite you to attend a public meeting at the Greene County Courthouse on October 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



Jonathan “Joe” Benison
Sheriff

Attachments

cc: Mr. Joseph Cox, Esquire
Mrs. Emma Jackson