



A Message from LaDonna Castañuela,

Director of the Charitable Bingo Operations Division

RE: Requests for Waivers from the Requirement to Generate Positive Net Proceeds

All,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that Governor Abbott's disaster declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic expired on June 14, 2023.

Governor Abbott first declared a disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 13, 2020. While the declaration was in place, the Charitable Bingo Operations Division automatically granted net proceeds waivers that were requested due to force majeure/COVID-19. Now that the Governor's declaration has expired, waiver requests based on COVID-19 will not be granted *automatically*. While COVID-19 may still serve as the basis of a waiver request, the request must be accompanied by documentation from outside sources that support a determination of force majeure. Examples of acceptable documentation include newspaper articles, copies of local ordinances, police or fire department reports, and state or local health reports.

Please remember that all requests for waivers must fully comply with the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 402.450 (Rule) and Texas Occupations Code §2001.451(g) (Bingo Enabling Act).

For your convenience, a link to the Bingo Enabling Act and the Charitable Bingo Rules is provided here:

[https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/About Us/Regulations x Statutes/index.html](https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/About%20Us/Regulations%20x%20Statutes/index.html)

If you have any questions, please contact the division by calling 1-800-BINGO-77 or sending an email to Bingo.Services@lottery.state.tx.us.