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## **Charitable Gaming Launches Licensing Portal**

The Division of Charitable Gaming of the New York Gaming Commission today announced the launch of a new feature on the Commission web site that will expedite and enhance the licensing processing for charitable organizations in New York state.

The Municipal Clerks Portal at <a href="https://cgo.gaming.ny.gov">https://cgo.gaming.ny.gov</a> is designed to forego the need to mail games of chance license applications to municipalities and applications for identification numbers to the Commission.

After a Municipal Clerks Portal account is created by a clerk of a City, Town or Village that has authorized the conduct of games of chance, qualified charitable organizations may then establish secure accounts and file all games of chance license applications electronically with municipal clerks.

It is anticipated that the portal will help expedite the licensing process for qualified charitable organizations seeking to conduct games of chance including raffles, bell jar and casino games in municipalities in New York State that have authorized the conduct of games of chance.

## Key functions will include:

- Expediting and centralizing the registration and licensing process;
- Aiding the State's Green initiative by reducing paper for the Commission, municipal clerks and charitable organizations;
- Cutting costs to municipalities by eliminating the need to mail copies of all licenses issued to the Commission;
- Retaining a history of all license applications to the Commission and the municipal clerks:
- The ability to view and print current and prior licenses and applications.

Gaming Commission staff will offer additional information on the new portal at the New York Town Clerks Association (NYSTCA) conference to be held later this month in Albany.