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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

On April 10, 2025 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council approved to post revisions to **Title XX (20), District Organization** for ten (10) days. Pursuant to Title XIX of the Code of Justice, any interested person may submit comments on **Title XX (20), District Organization** which the person believes should be amended.

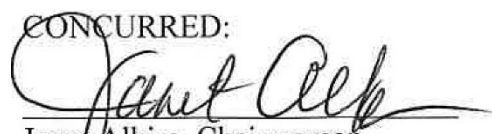
Members of the Judicial Committee and the Standing Rock Tribal Council will accept oral, written and electronic comments until May 5, 2025. You may submit your electronic comments to the following:

Judicial Committee Chairman, Charles Walker - [cwalker@standingrock.org](mailto:cwalker@standingrock.org)

If you are receiving this notice and attachments in your role as District Officer, please post a copy at your local district offices and ensure it is available to other District Officers and District Members. In addition, please have copies available to distribute upon request.

Please note you can also access the Title on the Tribe's website at [www.standingrock.com](http://www.standingrock.com). From the home page, click on Titles, followed by Titles for Review, and find the link to **Title XX (20), District Organization**.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2025.

CONCURRED:  
  
Janet Alkire, Chairwoman  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

**SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**INTER-OFFICE FOLLOW-UP**

**MEETING DATE: April 10, 2025**

**P A G E : 7**

**MOTION #13 IS CONTINUED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ALKIRE, JANET – NOT VOTING

ARCHAMBAULT, Paul	EX.	AGARD, Susan	YES
BAILEY, Jr., Sidney	EX.	ARCHAMBAULT, Cyril	YES
CADOTTE, Sr., Jeff	YES	BIRD HORSE, Alice	YES
DEMERY, Delray	EX.	JAMERSON, Frank	EX.
PORRAS, Jessica R.	YES	LONG FEATHER, Richard	YES
PRETTY BEAR, John	YES	TAKEN ALIVE, Nola	YES
RED TOMAHAWK, Wilberta	YES	WALKER, Charles	YES
WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph	EX.	YELLOW HAMMER, Stephanie	YES

**VOTE:** YES – 11                      NO – 0                      NOT VOTING – 1

**MOTION CARRIED**                      5 – EXCUSED

#14. MOTION WAS MADE BY WILBERTA RED TOMAHAWK, SECONDED BY ALICE BIRD HORSE, TO APPROVE TO REQUEST A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FROM BIA CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR ON GAME & FISH FOR ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ALKIRE, JANET – NOT VOTING

ARCHAMBAULT, Paul	EX.	AGARD, Susan	YES
BAILEY, Jr., Sidney	EX.	ARCHAMBAULT, Cyril	YES
CADOTTE, Sr., Jeff	YES	BIRD HORSE, Alice	YES
DEMERY, Delray	EX.	JAMERSON, Frank	EX.
PORRAS, Jessica R.	YES	LONG FEATHER, Richard	YES
PRETTY BEAR, John	YES	TAKEN ALIVE, Nola	YES
RED TOMAHAWK, Wilberta	YES	WALKER, Charles	YES
WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph	EX.	YELLOW HAMMER, Stephanie	YES

**VOTE:** YES – 11                      NO – 0                      NOT VOTING – 1

**MOTION CARRIED**                      5 – EXCUSED

#15. MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLES WALKER, SECONDED BY SUSAN AGARD, TO APPROVE TO POST TITLE 18 FOR TEN [10] DAYS.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ALKIRE, JANET – NOT VOTING

ARCHAMBAULT, Paul	EX.	AGARD, Susan	YES
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**SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**INTER-OFFICE FOLLOW-UP**

**MEETING DATE: April 10, 2025**

**P A G E : 8**

**MOTION #15 IS CONTINUED.**

BAILEY, Jr., Sidney	EX.	ARCHAMBAULT, Cyril	YES
CADOTTE, Sr., Jeff	YES	BIRD HORSE, Alice	YES
DEMERY, Delray	EX.	JAMERSON, Frank	EX.
PORRAS, Jessica R.	YES	LONG FEATHER, Richard	YES
PRETTY BEAR, John	YES	TAKEN ALIVE, Nola	YES
RED TOMAHAWK, Wilberta	YES	WALKER, Charles	YES
WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph	EX.	YELLOW HAMMER, Stephanie	YES

VOTE: YES – 11                      NO – 0                      NOT VOTING – 1

**MOTION CARRIED**                      5 – EXCUSED

**#16.** MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN AGARD, SECONDED BY ALICE BIRD HORSE, TO APPROVE TO POST TITLE 20 FOR TEN [10] DAYS FOR DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      ALKIRE, JANET – NOT VOTING

ARCHAMBAULT, Paul	EX.	AGARD, Susan	YES
BAILEY, Jr., Sidney	EX.	ARCHAMBAULT, Cyril	YES
CADOTTE, Sr., Jeff	YES	BIRD HORSE, Alice	YES
DEMERY, Delray	EX.	JAMERSON, Frank	EX.
PORRAS, Jessica R.	YES	LONG FEATHER, Richard	YES
PRETTY BEAR, John	YES	TAKEN ALIVE, Nola	YES
RED TOMAHAWK, Wilberta	YES	WALKER, Charles	YES
WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph	EX.	YELLOW HAMMER, Stephanie	YES

VOTE: YES – 11                      NO – 0                      NOT VOTING – 1

**MOTION CARRIED**                      5 – EXCUSED

**#17.** MOTION WAS MADE BY CYRIL ARCHAMBAULT, SECONDED BY CHARLES WALKER, TO APPROVE TO DRAFT AND SEND AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH STELLA STANDING BEAR, BOOKING AGENT STEFANY MARIE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      ALKIRE, JANET – NOT VOTING

ARCHAMBAULT, Paul	EX.	AGARD, Susan	YES
BAILEY, Jr., Sidney	EX.	ARCHAMBAULT, Cyril	YES
CADOTTE, Sr., Jeff	YES	BIRD HORSE, Alice	YES

# **TITLE XX**

(20)

## **District Organization**

### **Ordinance No. 304-08**

#### **Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice**



Resolution No. 493-14

**Approved**  
**September 3, 2014**

**BY**

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**Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council**

reported delinquent debt in full, or (2) with the written consent of the District or Agency reporting a debt delinquency, refinances or enters a new repayment schedule with respect to the delinquent debt, and has not become delinquent under such new repayment schedule, shall not be deemed to be delinquent with respect to such debt, and shall be considered eligible to run for office. Any candidate who – whether prior to the election or after being elected – becomes delinquent on a refinanced debt shall not be allowed to refinance said debt again, and shall no longer be qualified to seek or hold office; and

ii. Any District officer who becomes delinquent on a debt, and has never refinanced that debt, may refinance that debt once. Any District officer who becomes delinquent on a refinanced debt shall not be allowed to refinance said debt again, and shall no longer be qualified to hold office;

g. That he/she has not been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Services;

h. That he/she is not a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and

i. That if he/she is a government employee and is required to obtain a waiver to hold office, such waiver must be filed in the Tribal Election Office within sixty (60) days of being sworn into office. Failure to submit a waiver within the sixty (60) day time frame will result in the forfeiture of that office.

2. Upon election or appointment to District Office, all District Officers must continue to meet all of the above qualifications. These qualifications will also apply to any persons nominated and appointed to fill a vacant District Officer position. No member of the District that has been convicted of a Tribal, state or federal felony may serve as a temporary District Officer.

3. If elected or appointed to a District Office, the person so appointed or elected shall abide by the Tribal Code of Ethics set forth in the Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

#### **20-106. NOMINATING PETITIONS AND NOTICE OF CANDIDACY.**

Officers shall be nominated and elected simultaneously with the regular Tribal General Election, under procedures set forth in Title XV of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice Code with the following modifications:



1. **Nominations for District Council Officers.** Nominations for District Council Officers shall be made by a written Nominating Petition signed by at least five (5) District members and filed with the Tribal Election Supervisor, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota, at least 30 days prior to the election day.
2. **Who is Qualified to Vote.** Each member of the Tribe, eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a resident of a District for 30 consecutive days immediately preceding an election, shall be eligible to vote for the Office of District Council Officers, only for the District in which the member resides. Incarcerated prisoners convicted of felonies shall not be eligible to vote. Persons on parole or probation shall not be deemed prisoners.
3. **Form of Nominating Petition.** Nominating petitions for District Council Officers shall be as follows and is hereby made a part of this Title as **Form No. 2:**

**We, the undersigned, qualified voters of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and residents of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation and the District of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be a candidate for the Office of (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer) from the District at the Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

4. **Candidate to Accept Nominations.** All Nominating Petitions shall be signed by the candidates nominated, standing substance, as follows:

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept the nominations for the Office of \_\_\_\_\_ from the District of \_\_\_\_\_.**

5. **Notice of Candidacy.** A Notice of Candidacy for District Council Officer, on **Form No. 2** of this Title, shall be filed with the Nominating Petition. Such forms shall be made available at the Tribal Election Office and distributed by the Tribal Election Commission Members upon request. Tribal Council Members shall not distribute nominating petitions.
6. **Filing Fee.** A filing fee of \$100.00 shall be paid by each candidate seeking Local District Office to defray the costs of Tribal (Court), State and Federal Criminal Background Investigations. The filing fee shall be paid at the time of filing the Notice of Candidacy. Requirement for fingerprinting will be determined at the time of filing, as some States do not require fingerprinting to conduct and acquire their Criminal Record Checks.

7. **Background Investigations.** A background investigation completed under this Title is good for a period of six (6) months after it has been conducted. Any individual requiring their background to be confirmed more than six (6) months after having a background check conducted must have another completed, and pay any necessary fees under this Title, including individuals seeking re-election for a position they were previously or are currently holding.

a. As part of the background investigation process, once elected, each officer must submit to an initial Drug & Alcohol Test and agree to be subject to random, reasonable suspicion for cause, and post accident drug and alcohol testing in accordance with the procedures provided in the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Drug Free Workplace Policy during his or her term in office.

8. Once elected, members-elect must complete all necessary background check procedures within 30 days; if a member-elect does not complete such procedures within 30 days, the election results regarding that individual shall be void and the District shall hold another election to fill the vacated position.

All requirements of Title XV of the Tribal Code of Justice will be followed in the conducting of Local District Elections, except that for an appointment for a vacancy in a District Office, Sections 20-105 and 20-109 of this Title will apply.

**20-107. OATH OF OFFICE.**

All District Council Officers, and Planning Commission members who are not District Officers or the Tribal Council Representative on the Planning Commission, before entering upon their official duties, including after re-election, shall take and subscribe to the following Oath of affirmation to be administered by a qualified Office of the Tribe:

**“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and uphold the Tribal Law and Treaty of April 29, 1868, and will faithfully discharge the duties of my office according to the best of my ability, so help me God.”**

A District Member, elected, re-elected or appointed to serve as a Local District Officer, or a Planning Commission member who is not a District Officer or the Tribal Council Representative on the Planning Commission, shall not be sworn into office until an eligibility determination is completed by the Tribal Election Office, the Notice of Eligibility is submitted to the Tribal Council and approved by the Tribal Council.

9. **Rules and Procedures.** The Planning Commission shall follow normal parliamentary procedures as observed by the Tribal Council and District Council, including but not limited to “Robert’s Rules of Order.”
10. **Agenda.** Prior to opening each meeting, the Chairperson and Secretary shall prepare and distribute copies of an agenda for the meeting, which shall be followed in the order prescribed therein.
11. **Removal of Planning Commission Members.** The Planning Commission members who are not the District Officers or the Tribal Council Representative on the Planning Commission shall be subject to the same removal procedures established for District Officers. A District Officer shall only be removed from the Planning Commission if they are removed from their District Officer position as provided in this Title, and the Tribal Council Representative shall only be removed from the Planning Commission if removed from the Tribal Council as provided in applicable provisions of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice.
12. **Vacancies.** The District Council shall immediately fill any vacancies on the Planning Commission for the members who are not District Officers or the Tribal Council Representative in accordance with subsection (3) of this Section. Vacant District Officer positions on the Planning Commission shall be filled when the District Officer position is filled as provided in this Title, and a vacant Tribal Council Representative position shall be filled when that position is filled under applicable provisions of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice.

**Qualification Form No. 8** will be utilized by the Tribal Election Office to determine the eligibility of nominees for the offices of Planning Commission Members who are not District Officers or the Tribal Council Representative.

**20-115.        BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITH MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE DISTRICTS.**

Boards and commissions for Tribal entities or departments which are made up – in whole or in part – of individuals elected from each respective District (including but not limited to: Gaming Commission, JTAC, Housing, TERO, etc.) are governed by the by-laws and incorporation documents for each respective entity or department. Provided, however, that for all boards and commissions not otherwise covered by Title XV, the following provisions shall apply, unless otherwise specifically provided for in a Code provision, by-laws or incorporation document governing the specific board of commission:

- (a) If a background check is required, the individual to be appointed shall be responsible for paying any necessary fees to have the check conducted, including individuals who have run for re-election for a position they were previously or are currently holding; and



- (b) Once appointed from the District, the appointed individual must complete any necessary background check procedures within 30 days, including submitting to an initial drug and alcohol test and agreeing to comply with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Drug Free Workplace Policy during the term of appointment; if the individual does not complete such procedures within thirty days, the individual's appointment shall be void and the District shall make another appointment to fill the position.

**20-116. FORMS.**

All forms attached to this Title, and approved by the Tribal Council with this Title, shall be official forms and are considered part of this Title. Any form considered part of this Title may be utilized in the administration of this Title when reasonable and proper, whether a specific form is referenced in any specific provision of this Title.

**20-117. RECORDS AND FILES.**

All Districts – including District boards, commissions and committees; enterprises of the Districts; and any other entity or agency of the District – shall abide by the Tribal Records and Files Disposition Manual.

**CHAPTER 2. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

**20-201. STANDARD.**

- (a) A Local District Council Officer, or Planning Commission member who is not a District Officer or the Tribal Council Representative,, who, during the term for which he/she is elected, is convicted of a felony shall automatically forfeit his/her office. Upon such conviction, a District Council shall make a motion to declare the office vacant and, once such motion is approved by the Tribal Council, proceed to fill the vacancy (1) as provided under Section 109(3) of this Title for District Officers, or (2) as provided in Section 20-114(3) of this Title for Planning Commission members.
- (b) Any Local District Council Officer, or Planning Commission member who is not a District Officer or the Tribal Council Representative, may be removed by the District Council that elected or appointed that person to such office, through procedures as provided under this Chapter (including notice and the opportunity to be heard, and a vote to remove by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the District Council members voting on the question) if: