

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## Resolution # 03-0507-118

Authorizing The Housing Commission to Address "Emergency Living Conditions", Allowing Immediate Occupancy of Elder's Units at Aki Maadiziwin by Elders that have Approved Applications for Housing, prior to formal lease execution when warranted.

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been made aware that there is at least one Elder that has been approved to reside in the Elder Housing at Aki Maadiziwin, but due to process issues has not yet been allowed to occupy the residence, and is at this point considered to be in the state of "homeless" by the Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(d) of the Constitution, is authorized to approve any lease or encumbrance of Little River Band land; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did, pursuant to Resolution #03-0305-61, approve Certificate of Plat for the subdivision plan for Aki Maadiziwin, which Plat includes the designation of various lots that have been developed for Elder Housing; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Housing Commission has identified a number of Tribal Elders meeting the eligibility requirements for placement in rental units constructed on certain Lots at Aki Maadiziwin; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to authorize an interim action to allow the Housing Commission to provide emergency relief by placing Tribal Elders in housing units pending completion of the lease/occupancy agreements necessary to meet the legal requirements of both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to authorize execution of a Temporary Occupancy Permit/Agreement for Tribal Owned Lands with approved Tribal Elders identified by the Housing Commission pending completion of the lease/occupancy agreements for the Lots/Units to be occupied by such Elders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the attached Occupancy Permit/Agreement for Tribal Owned Lands for use in execution with Tribal Elders identified by the Housing Commission for placement in Elder homes at Aki Maadiziwin.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Ogema or Tribal Council Speaker, to execute an Temporary Occupancy Permit/Agreement for Tribal Lands with Delano Peters permitting Mr. Peters to occupy the dwelling unit located on Lot 7 (2680 W. Maw-gaw-ne-quong) at Aki Maadiziwin.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Housing Commission to approve additional Temporary Occupancy Permit/Agreements, to be executed by the Tribal Ogema or Tribal Council Speaker, in lieu of formal leases while that process is being completed by the Housing Commission, in order to alleviate or provide relief to Elders that are in need of immediate housing.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with \_\_\_\_ FOR, \_\_\_\_ AGAINST, \_\_\_\_ ABSTAINING, and \_\_\_\_ ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 7, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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