

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council 2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660 (231) 723-8288

Resolution #15-0128-022

Approving the Collection of Copying Fees by Tribal Council for Copies of Pending Ordinances, Proposed Ordinances and Public Comments

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Little River Band with political subdivisions or private parties on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(e) to employ legal counsel, subject to any authorization from the Secretary of the Interior if required; and

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council seeks to make available pending new or changing legislation, proposed changes to legislation and public comments on the legislation to all Tribal Members for review and access; and
- WHEREAS, the availability of documents for inspection, review and access may increase demand on Tribal Council materials and resources.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the collection of a nominal fee of \$.05 per page copied from available pending legislative documents, proposed ordinances and public comments obtained from the Tribal Council office.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, that the funds collected shall be donated to a charity dedicated to the provision of food, shelter or clothing for the homeless or needy at the end of each calendar year

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 28, 2015, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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