

TO APPROVE THE STANDING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT REGULAR AND SPECIAL
SESSIONS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE the standing rules for public comment at Regular and Special Session of Tribal Council.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), "No... rule shall be implemented unless approved by at least seven (7) members of Tribal Council;"

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution, citizens of the Nation may make public comment with a majority consent of the Tribal Council Members present; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Nation that standing rules be adopted to facilitate public comment by the citizens of the Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council that the following standing rules be adopted for public comment at Regular and Special sessions of Tribal Council:

Registering for Public Comment at Regular Session

1. A person registering for public comment:
 - a. Must be a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
 - b. Must register via email or telephone with the recording secretary in order to make a public comment;
 - c. Must provide the recording secretary with the following information:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Age;
 - iii. Occupation;
 - iv. Physical Address;
 - v. A short, but descriptive, summary of the subject matter they wish to address the Council; and
 - vi. Whether the citizen is addressing Council as an individual ("Individual Speaker") or representing a group of six (6) or more ("Group Speaker").
2. If the citizen is addressing the Council as a group representative of six (6) or more citizens, the Group Speaker is responsible for satisfying procedural guidelines 1(c).
3. Groups may either register together or the recording secretary, in consultation with the Speaker of Tribal Council, may group together individuals or groups who have similar interests on the same matter. The group is responsible for selecting a Group Speaker.
4. The deadline to register for public comment each month is the first day of that month.
5. **NOTE: REGISTERING AND BEING PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PERMITTED BY COUNCIL. COUNCIL HAS FULL DISCRETION IN APPROVING OR DENYING PUBLIC COMMENTS. SEE CHOC. CONST. ART. X, § 4.**

Guidelines During the Public Comment

6. The Sergeant-at-Arms will have authority to monitor the activity of the citizens while they address the Council. The Sergeant-at-Arms will have the responsibility of informing the citizens when it is their time to speak, as well as remind the citizens of the procedural guidelines set in place during their address.

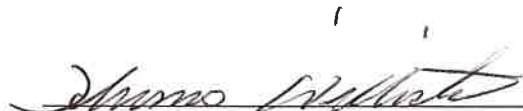
7. There will be a maximum of five (5) public comments per regular session allowed unless Council determines otherwise.
8. The approved speakers will address the Council at the beginning of the regular session unless Council determines otherwise.
9. Time - Each individual speaker may speak for up to 3 (three) minutes. A group of six (6) or more must elect a representative to speak on behalf of the group and will have a time limit of five (5) minutes. A timer will be used, and the speaker should conclude their remarks when they are made aware of the time expiring.
10. Topics - All comments should address a matter related to the health and welfare of the Nation. The Council will not hear public comment that involves a complaint about an individual employee, a personnel action, or pending litigation. Such matters should be reduced to writing and sent to the appropriate authority.
11. Decorum - The Council expects that each speaker will be courteous. Speakers will address their comments to the entire Council and not to one individual Council member, nor to the Chief, Assistant Chief, legal counsel, nor to the audience. Speakers will not engage in personal attacks.
12. Written Comments - If a speaker would like to present written comments to the Council, fourteen (14) copies must be provided.
13. Violations - The Speaker of Tribal Council, or the Speaker Pro Tempore in the absence of the Speaker, may use discretion to ensure these rules are followed by each speaker or suspend any remaining time of those speakers who violate these rules.
14. **These standing rules may be suspended, modified or replaced for the length of a meeting by Speaker of Tribal Council with consent of Tribal Council.**

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on December, 14 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 01 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.




 Ronald Perry, Secretary
 Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



 Thomas Williston, Speaker
 Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 12-19-19 _____



 Gary Batton, Chief
 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Purpose of Council Resolution: This resolution formally adopts rules for any public comment made by tribal members at any regular or special session of the Tribal Council.

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