

Tribal Election Ordinance

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Section 1. General Guidelines for Elections

- A. Secret Ballots:** All tribal elections shall be conducted by secret balloting.
- B. Preparing Ballots:** Ballots shall be prepared as directed by the Tribal Council.
- C. Notice of Elections:** Notice of all tribal elections shall be mailed to eligible Tribal Members. Notice shall be mailed at least 30 days prior to elections.
- D. Quorum:** 33% of eligible Tribal voters must participate in the election to establish a quorum.
- E. Outcome of Elections:** For elections for tribal council positions, the results shall be determined by those who receive the highest number of votes. The outcome of special elections not involving election of a Council seat shall be determined by a simple majority (greater than 50%) of eligible voters casting their votes during the election unless otherwise provided by the Georgetown Tribal Constitution or by ordinance.
- F. Proxies:** Proxy voting shall not be permitted.
- G. Tie Vote:** In the event of a tie vote, the Council shall call a special election to break the tie under the provisions of Section 7 of this Chapter.

Section 2. Voter Qualifications

- A. Voter Qualifications:** The basic qualifications for tribal voters are listed in Article IX, Section 1 of the Georgetown Tribal Constitution: "**Section 1 – Voter Qualifications:** *Any duly enrolled member of the Georgetown Tribe eighteen (18) years or older shall be entitled to vote.*"
- B. List of Qualified Voters:** The Tribal Council shall maintain a list of qualified voters, which shall be given to the Election Board prior to elections.

D. Acceptance of Nominations: Persons nominated by a Tribal Member other than themselves shall be contacted by the Election Board, or their designee, prior to ballot preparation to determine whether or not they wish to be on the ballot. If the nominated person cannot be contacted to accept the nomination following reasonable effort to do so, their name shall not appear on the ballot.

E. Write-In Candidates: No provisions for Write-In Candidates have been made.

F. Results of Election: The results of elections for tribal council positions shall be determined by the highest numbers of votes received by candidates for each respective Council seat.

G. Absentee Ballots: All eligible Tribal Members shall be mailed an absentee ballot along with a notice of the Annual Meeting. A deadline to submit absentee ballots to the Election Board shall be determined and included on the ballot. All absentee ballots shall be in before the deadline to be considered valid. If no current address is available for an eligible Tribal Member their meeting packet including Ballot and notice of Annual Meeting will be held at the Tribal Office.

H. One Vote per Voter: The Election Board shall determine that voters are qualified by comparing their names to the qualified voters list prepared by the Tribal Council and shall make sure that voters are only voting once. Ballots must be signed by the person to whom the ballot has been issued to be considered valid. Persons signing with an X must do so in the presence of a witness who must also sign the ballot to verify authenticity of the voters signature. Requests for replacement ballots can be made to the Tribal Office. Replacement ballots, if issued, shall be noted as such and the Election Board shall be notified of the issuance of the replacement ballot.

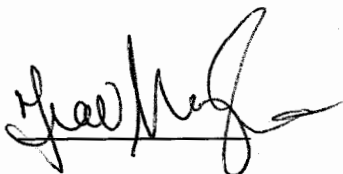
I. Soliciting Ballots: In the event quorum has not been met following the deadline for mailed and faxed absentee ballots, the Election Board may solicit ballots from Tribal Members that have not submitted a ballot. At the discretion of the Election Board, Tribal Members may cast their vote via: direct verbal communication, telephonic or radio transition, email, text, or electronic messaging. Any votes received in such a manner without an official ballot shall be considered a questioned ballot until such time that the Tribal Member submits an official ballot to the Election Board. Questioned ballots must be reconciled within 30 days following the official election date. The certification of the election shall be pending until such time that a) all questioned ballots have been reconciled or b) the 30 day time limit has lapsed and there are enough reconciled questioned ballots to establish quorum.

J. Certification of Election: The Election Board shall sign a certification of an election that contains the election results, and notes regarding any discarded ballots.

CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the foregoing Ordinance was approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Georgetown Tribal Council on the 10th day of December 2016. The Council vote was 4 FOR and 0 AGAINST, with 0 NOT VOTING.

ATTESTED



Traci Maczynski, Chairwoman



Gary Fredericks, Secretary/Treasurer