

ARTICLE V – TRIBAL COUNCIL

Section 1. Composition. The Tribal Council shall be composed of all Members of the Tribes age eighteen and older.

Section 2. Powers.

(a). The Tribal Council shall have the power to set policy for the Tribes and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by this Constitution.

(b). The Tribal Council shall have the exclusive power to approve the annual budget for the Tribes; provided that if the Tribal Council fails to approve or disapprove the annual budget within thirty days of receipt of the annual budget as approved in the Legislative Process, then the annual budget shall be deemed approved. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources.

(c). The Tribal Council shall have the power to authorize the Governor to enter into treaties, compacts, or any contract.

(d). The Tribal Council shall have the power to establish its own rules of order and procedure.

Section 3. Annual Meeting and Special Meetings.

(a). An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho. The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual Meeting.

(b). Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

(c). The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting.

Section 4. Procedures.

(a). A quorum of the Tribal Council shall consist of at least seventy-five Members of the Tribal Council.

(b). At the beginning of each Tribal Council meeting, the Tribal Council shall select a Chairman to preside at the meeting and to facilitate the meeting, and a Secretary to record the decisions of the Tribal Council and publish the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the decisions and minutes to the Coordinator.

(c). All decisions of the Tribal Council shall be embodied in a written Resolution. All proposed Resolutions shall be submitted to the Office of the Tribal Council in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution. The Coordinator shall accept proposed Resolutions at least thirty days before each Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Tribal Council. The Coordinator shall publish all proposed Resolutions which are submitted at least thirty days before the meeting, and all such Resolutions shall be placed on the agenda of the Tribal Council Meeting. No item shall be placed on an agenda for a Tribal Council Meeting unless such item has been submitted to the Coordinator in writing at least thirty days before the Tribal Council Meeting. The Coordinator shall accept petitions seeking to repeal an enacted law or Resolution at any time and the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next Tribal Council meeting. The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall compile all approved laws and Resolutions within ten days of passage into a code which shall be published.

Section 5. Office of the Tribal Council.

(a). An Office of the Tribal Council is hereby established. A Coordinator for the Office of the Tribal Council shall be selected by the Tribal Council at the Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council or at a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council as needed. Members of the Tribes interested in serving in the position of Coordinator shall submit an application at least thirty days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. All applications for Coordinator shall be published at least thirty days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting.

(b) The Coordinator shall serve in accordance with terms and conditions established by the Tribal Council.