

CHAPTER 1-3
ADOPTION OF NONMEMBERS
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§ 1. Statement

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe by its Constitution and By-Laws and particularly by Article II, Section 2, thereof, and its authority to promulgate ordinances relating to future memberships, loss of membership and the adoption of new members, the General Council of the Forest County Potawatomi Community hereby enacts this Ordinance which shall establish the qualifications and procedures for the adoption of non-members. This Ordinance is subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

§ 2. Qualifications and Procedures

2.1. For purposes of qualification any person of whom it is known, that retains one fourth (1/4) Wisconsin Potawatomi Indian blood or more, may be considered for adoption to membership in this Band.

2.2. Eligibility for adoption in this Band shall carry the qualifications of one, who is not enrolled, or who has relinquished their enrollment prior to receiving any form of judgment award monies, as a member of any other tribe or band.

2.3. Any person seeking to become an enrolled member, or any parent, foster parent, or guardian seeking to enroll a child, through the adoption process shall sign a certification that the applicant is not enrolled with any other tribe or band of Indians.

2.4. Adoption of non-members to this Band shall be made by written application to the Enrollment Committee. That Committee shall upon proper investigation make their recommendations to the Executive Council for consideration and determination.

2.5. The Executive Council shall bring all applications and a list thereof to the General Council with their decision on each. Those decisions shall be subject to a final majority vote by the qualified voters of the General Council.

2.6. Applications for adoption must be filed with the Enrollment Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to a General Council meeting.

2.7. Any non-members who have been duly adopted into the Forest County Potawatomi Community shall have the same rights and privileges as a member who has been duly enrolled as a member.

2.8. The lineal descendants of the adoptee shall also be eligible for membership provided they meet the general membership qualifications.

Legislative History:

08/21/1978 Enacted as "Forest County Potawatomi Ordinance No. 0001" by General Council Resolution 0005. According to the adopting resolution: "it is recognized that the current [1937] constitution

limits from membership several Potawatomi people who, logically are members of this band” and “it is the desire and determination of the General Council in session on this 22nd day of July 1978 to correct a longstanding discrepancy in our existing membership provisions.”

Notes:

Pursuant to Article XI of the Tribe’s current Constitution, adopted July 14, 1982, previous ordinances not inconsistent with the current Constitution remain in effect.