



Lower Sioux Indian Community

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LOWER SIOUX COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO.

06-61

Revisions to Election Ordinance for Regular Elections

WHEREAS, The Lower Sioux Indian Community is a duly organized and federally-recognized Indian Tribe and has Constitution and By-Laws as approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, The Community Council has the authority, as enumerated in ARTICLE V – POWERS to: (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local Governments on behalf of the Community, and to advise and consult with the representatives of the Interior Department ...; (b) To employ counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Community and its members ...; (c) To approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of community lands, interests in lands, or other community assets; (d) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the Community prior to the submission of such estimates to the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress; (e) To make assignments of community land to members of the Community in conformity with Article IX of this Constitution; (f) To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Community in accordance with the terms of a charter ...; (g) To appropriate for public purposes of the Lower Sioux Indian Community available funds within the exclusive control of the Community; (h) To levy assessments upon members of the Community for the use of Community property and privileges, and to permit the performance of reservation labor in lieu thereof, and to levy; (i) To safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Community by regulating the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation ...; (j) To establish ordinances ...; (k) To regulate the manner of taking nominations for Community officers and of holding community elections ...; (l) To adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Community Council itself and of other Community agencies and community officials; (m) To encourage and foster the arts, crafts,

traditions, and culture of the Mdewakanton Sioux Indians of Minnesota; (n) To charter subordinate organizations for economic purposes and to regulate the activities of all such organizations ...; (o) To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Community; (p) To delegate to subordinate boards, or community officials, or to cooperative associations ...; (q) To select delegates to sit in the annual conference of the Minnesota Mdewakanton Sioux Indians and in the National Council of the entire Sioux Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaw Art. VI. Sec. 5 states that "[i]n order to acquire the right of franchise, a voter must qualify by having reached the age of 18 years or older, on the day of the election and be a member of the Community"; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI §5 allows Community members the ability to exercise their fundamental right to vote after establishing two (2) conditions - attaining the age of eighteen (18) and being a member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota. The Constitution does not require an individual be a qualified member in order to participate in the electoral process"; and,

WHEREAS, Former administrations have imposed excessive residency requirements upon Community members before allowing them to vote in violation of the Constitution and the Indian Civil Rights Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Community Council hereby approves the revisions to the attached Election Ordinance for Regular Elections (incorporated herein) that gives all Community Members who have reached the age of 18 the right to vote in Community Elections.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that Resolution No. 206 WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE Lower Sioux Community Council at a meeting held on the 18 day of May, 2006, a quorum being present by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

Shannon Blue
Shannon Blue, Secretary

	YES	NO	
President	<u>X</u>	<u>(No tie)</u>	Sheldon Peters Wolfchild
Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Scott Adolphson
Secretary	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Shannon Blue
Treasurer	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	Denny Prescott
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	<u>abstain</u>	<u> </u>	Joseph Goodthunder