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(B) No Registration. No registration to vote shall be required.

(C) Voters List. The Tribal enrollment staff shall provide an updated list of qualified voters to the Election Board no later than 20 days after the candidacy filing deadline and an updated listing no later than 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the first scheduled polling day. The Election Board shall keep an up-to-date poll book, with the voters listed in alphabetical order or as nearly so as possible.

SECTION 4: CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

(A) Notice. The date of the election and the rules related to candidates shall be published in the tribal newsletter and announced at a General Council meeting sufficiently in advance of the election to notify all interested tribal members so that candidates can meet the time deadlines of this ordinance.

(B) Ballots. The Election Board shall prepare all ballots. Ballot measures shall appear as required by Part III of this ordinance. The names of the certified candidates shall be in alphabetical order. The ballot shall contain the following instructions:

"YOU MAY VOTE FOR 3 CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL. PLACE AN "X" BY THE NAME OF EACH PERSON YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR. YOU MAY NOT GIVE ANY CANDIDATE MORE THAN ONE VOTE, ANY BALLOT WITH MORE THAN 3 TOTAL VOTES SHALL BE INVALID! WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED AND THE INCLUSION OF A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, THE ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS WILL HELP YOU."

The official ballots shall be printed on white paper with black ink. Sample ballots may be printed on colored paper and shall be clearly labeled "sample ballot" and shall not be counted if placed in the ballot box.

The vote will be conducted by mail-in vote only.

Polling shall not take place in person at the Area Offices. The Siletz Tribal Community Center will be the only location you will be able to vote in person.

No less than two Election Board members shall be present at all times. No other person shall remain or loiter in the voting area.

One Election Board member shall control the poll book; another Election Board member shall hand out the ballots and supervise the ballot box.

The voter shall first sign his or her name in the poll book. If the voter is unable to do so, the Election Board member shall write "unable to sign" by that name. The voter shall then mark the ballot in a private area to be designated by the Election Board. The voter may receive assistance from an Election Board member in voting if requested. The voter shall fold the ballot when completed and deposit it in the locked ballot box.

If the voter accidentally makes a mistake on or destroys his or her ballot, a new ballot may be issued to the voter, with the correction noted in the poll book. The spoiled ballot shall be destroyed immediately by an Election Board member.

(D) Returns. Immediately after the polls are closed, the Election Board shall secure the ballot box in a place where tampering cannot take place. Immediately after the polls are closed in Siletz on the first Saturday in February, and after the procedures related to rejected ballots as set forth in subsection 5F have been completed, the Election Board shall clear the office of all persons other than themselves and shall count the votes cast. The Election Board shall then certify the results of the election and deliver the results to the Chairman of the Tribal Council. Winning candidates shall take office in accordance with Section 9 of this ordinance. Ballot measures shall take effect in accordance with Section 19 and 20 of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: Mail In Voting

(A) Required. No ballots received after the close of the voting shall be counted. Mail in ballots must be mailed or hand delivered to the Election Board at the Siletz Tribal Office, Post Office Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380, and received no later than 4 p.m. on the election date. Each person who has a Signature Card on file will be mailed a ballot.

(B) Signature Cards.

Tribal members must file a signature card with the Election Board certifying that they are eligible to vote in tribal elections. Signature cards shall be in a form prescribed by the Election Board. Signature cards may be requested orally or in writing from the Election Board.

Upon receipt of a signature card, the Election Board shall verify the authenticity of the signature and content of the card. The signature may be verified by any means designed to assure authenticity, including comparison of the signature on the signature card with the member's signature on his or her enrollment application. Upon such verification, the Election Board shall certify the signature card as valid.

Upon certification, tribal members who have a signature card on file will automatically be mailed an election ballot to the latest address indicated in their enrollment file. The Election Board shall maintain certified signature cards in a permanent file.

Signature cards must contain the legal name of the member submitting the card, and are valid only for the person using that name. Upon any legal change of name (for example, marriage, divorce, legal name change), a new signature card must be submitted to the Election Board and the old card shall be destroyed.

(C) Ballots. The ballot shall consist of a paper ballot which meets the requirements of Section 4A of this ordinance, an instruction sheet, an inner envelope, an outer envelope and a return envelope.

(D) Voting Procedure. When voting, the voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the inner envelope and seal it. The inner envelope shall then be placed inside the outer envelope and sealed. The outer envelope shall be signed by the voter. It shall then be returned to the Election Board in the return envelope.

(E) Returns. The Election Board shall compare the signature on the outer envelope with the signature on the application. If the signatures match, the outer envelope shall be opened and the inner envelope shall be deposited in the locked ballot box.

In the event that a ballot is rejected because of an