

The Tribal Council has developed proposed amendments to strengthen the Enrollment Ordinance. This is the new draft (dated 3-2-97) of the Enrollment Ordinance, Tribal Code §4.10. These changes have been published below in order to give every tribal member the opportunity to read and make comments on them. Please note the **bold underlined text** is how the new copy reads, all other copy remains unchanged.

All comments must be mailed or hand-delivered to the tribal offices by **March 28**. Submit to: Jackie Whisler, Tribal Council Secretary, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

(a) **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:**

- (1) The authority for this Ordinance is found in the Grand Ronde Constitution, Article V.
- (2) The purposes of this Ordinance **are** to provide for the development and maintenance of the membership roll of the Tribe, **and to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the roll**, as required by Article V of the Tribal Constitution.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

- (1) The membership of the Tribe shall be open to all persons not enrolled as members of another federally recognized Indian tribe, band, or community and:
 - (A) Whose names validly appear on the official tribal membership roll prepared under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act and published in the Federal Register on June 22, 1984; provided, that such roll may be corrected by the Council with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the power of the Council to make corrections as to the blood quantum levels on any subsequent official tribal roll after that date; or
 - (B) Who possess one-sixteenth (1/16) or more degree Indian blood quantum of a federally recognized tribe or tribes, are descended from a member of the Tribe, have filed an application for enrollment in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and are accepted as members by the Tribe.
- (2) **Pursuant to the Constitution, Article V, Section 1**, descent from a member of the Tribe shall **mean direct** lineal descent from any person who was named on any roll or records of Tribal members prepared by the Department of the Interior prior to the effective date of the Tribal Constitution **and direct lineal descent from any member on the Tribal roll as of February 28, 1997**.
- (3) (A) If an applicant is born out of wedlock and the mother of the applicant is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribes, the applicant shall be deemed to possess one half the Indian blood quantum possessed by the mother; provided the applicant's Indian blood quantum shall be determined as if the applicant were born within wedlock if the application is accompanied by a written acknowledgment of paternity, **within one year of birth**, signed by the **putative father and mother** of the applicant before a notary public or other official authorized to administer oaths **or by the certification of paternity resulting from a blood test of father and child**. Orders by courts of competent jurisdiction shall also be considered as proof of paternity.
 - (B) The Tribal Family Action Program shall provide to the Enrollment Office any information about paternity of children in its care or custody or being considered for same that are being considered for enrollment.
- (4) To be accepted as a member by the Tribe, the applicant must demonstrate close social and economic ties to the Tribe and **for one year** have fully and unconditionally relinquished membership in any other Indian Tribe. Close social and economic ties may be demonstrated by:
 - (A) a minor having a parent who is an enrolled member of the Tribe and who has **been involved with** the Tribe, including having registered and voted in the tribal **election** immediately before applying for membership; and
 - (B) an adult **who has a parent on the Tribal rolls, who, if living, voted in the Tribal election immediately before the applicant applied for membership**.
- (5) Persons adopted by members of the Tribe or by the Tribe are not eligible for enrollment unless they independently meet the requirements of this ordinance.
- (6) Notwithstanding any requirements prescribed in this ordinance, the Council may adopt any person as an honorary member of the Tribe pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Tribal Constitution; provided that no honorary member shall have any right to vote, share in tribal assets or distributions, or participate in the government of the Tribe. Provided

further, that no person shall be adopted as an honorary member by the Council unless that person shall have a significant community relationship with the tribe. A significant community relationship shall include, but be **not** limited to, continued and dedicated service to the tribe, its government, or its membership. The decision of the Council in adopting any person as an honorary member shall be final and not subject to review; provided that denial of honorary membership to any person by the Council may be reconsidered in light of new or additional evidence supporting the case for honorary membership; provided further, the Council may, for cause shown, revoke the honorary membership of any person by majority vote of the Council.

(c) **ENROLLMENT STAFF AND COMMITTEE:**

- (1) Enrollment Staff. The Council shall authorize the hiring of such staff as it deems necessary to fulfill the functions identified in this ordinance. The enrollment staff shall be hired in accordance with tribal personnel policy and shall be subject to all tribal management rules and regulations in the same manner as other tribal employees.
- (2) Duties and Powers of Enrollment Staff. The enrollment staff shall establish enrollment procedures, with the consent of the Council, consistent with this ordinance. The enrollment staff shall make a semi-annual report to the Tribal and General Council of its proceedings and activities, including the number of new enrollees during the preceding month and the current number of tribal members. The enrollment staff shall maintain the roll as accurately as possible. The records shall include originals or copies of documents received to support the applications. The enrollment staff shall review and evaluate all applications for membership, and submit its proposed recommendations to the Enrollment Committee for the Committee's consideration.
- (3) Enrollment Committee. The Enrollment Committee shall be appointed by the Council and selected from the tribal membership. Committee members shall serve two years from the date of appointment and may be removed by the Council for failure to perform **its** duties set forth in this ordinance **or for violations of Tribal law**. Committee members shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with their official duties. Upon accepting appointment, each Committee member shall sign an oath which shall become part of the enrollment records stating that he or she will serve according to the best of his or her ability and will **follow the Grand Ronde Constitution and this Ordinance**.
- (4) Duties and Powers of the Enrollment Committee. The Committee's responsibilities shall be limited to the adoption or rejection of the enrollment staff's proposed recommendations regarding applications for enrollment. If the Committee's recommendation is to approve an application for membership, said recommendation shall be submitted to the **Tribal Government Committee** by the enrollment staff pursuant to Section (d) of this Ordinance. If the Committee's recommendation shall be to reject an application for membership, said recommendation shall be subject to the right of protest as set forth in Section (d) of this Ordinance. The Committee shall hold **not** more than **one** regular **meeting** per year to consider applications for membership, provided that emergency applications for **minor's** remain subject to Section (e) of this Ordinance.
- (5) Access to Records: Confidentiality. All enrollment records except adoption records shall remain open during business hours to inspection by tribal members, the Executive Officer, **the Administrative Officer** and enrollment staff. Except as thus provided, all enrollment records shall be confidential. Revealing information in the enrollment records to someone other than a tribal member, the Executive Officer, **the Administrative Officer**, the Tribal Attorney for use in cases involving the Tribe, the Committee or enrollment staff shall be deemed grounds for termination of employment, recall of an elected tribal official, or cause for removing a committee member.