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CHAPTER ONE

SECTION 101 Placement.

(a) Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Section 1915 and in the best interests of Seminole children, the General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby establishes a descending order of placement preferences to be in a home as follows:

- (1) A Seminole member of the Seminole child’s extended family, as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare Department;
- (2) A Native American member of the Seminole child’s extended family, as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare Department;
- (3) A member of the Seminole Child's extended family, as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare Department;
- (4) A member of the Seminole Child's Tribe, as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare Department;
- (5) A member of any other Native American Tribe, as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare Department; or
- (6) Any other suitable and approved, or licensed home or institution as approved by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Child Welfare.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2003-18, September 27, 2003; Amended by Ordinance No. 2011-07, June 4, 2011.]

**CHAPTER TWO
ELDERS**

SECTION 100 Elder Policy

It is the policy of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma to honor the cultural tradition of holding Tribal Elders in the highest regard. The Seminole Nation shall endeavor to meet the needs of its Elders and promote the highest quality of living and health care.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

SECTION 101 Older Americans Program Advisory Committee; Qualification; Appointment; Removal

The Older American's Program serves Tribal Elders and their spouses 55 years of age and older, as well as those who meet the handicapped and Title VI requirements. The program provides the following services: nutritious meals, cultural meals, cultural activities, advocacy, information and referral.

- (a) The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall officially establish an Older Americans Program (OAP) Advisory Committee, which shall be charged and empowered with the duties and responsibilities listed in Section 103 of Title 13A.
- (b) The OAP Advisory Committee shall be a five (5) member Committee:
 - (1) Eligibility for appointment to the OAP Advisory Committee shall be those program participants who meet the same eligibility requirements for Title VI Program participation.
 - (2) Committee members shall be appointed with the following order of preference: (1) members of the Nation, (2) members of other federally-recognized Tribes; and (3) non-Natives.
 - (3) The Principal Chief shall appoint the members of the OAP Advisory Committee, subject to confirmation of the General Council.
 - (4) At least three (3) official Committee members shall be in attendance in order to establish a quorum.
 - (5) In the event of vacancies, the Committee may make recommendations for nomination and consideration.
- (c) The first meeting of the OAP Advisory Committee shall be after at least three (3) appointments are confirmed by the General Council. At the first meeting of the OAP Advisory Committee, the members shall select within their membership a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Recording Secretary. Thereafter, meetings shall be quarterly.
- (d) The Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma may at any time recall the appointment of any member of the OAP Advisory Committee for good cause shown, subject to the approval of a majority vote of the council.
- (e) Voting on agenda items by the OAP Advisory Committee shall be by roll call vote and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.

(f) The OAP Advisory Committee shall enact bylaws to govern parliamentary procedures and meeting notices. The bylaws shall be submitted to the General Council Secretary.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

SECTION 102 Term

The term of OAP Advisory Committee members shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment by the Chief and confirmation of the General Council.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

SECTION 103 Duties

The duties of the OAP Advisory Committee shall include the following:

- (a) Make recommendations for implementation of any long and short range plans and goals for the immediate and future needs of the OAP Program and the Elders of the Seminole Nation consistent with the delivery of services including but not limited to: nutrition services, support services and referrals, and transportation; and
- (b) Provide insight, advice, and opinions about OAP services to both the General Council and the OAP Director; and
- (c) Perform any additional advisory duties as assigned by the OAP Director, Principal Chief, or the General Council.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

SECTION 104 OAP Advisory Committee Activities Limited

It shall not be the responsibility of the Committee to make decisions concerning (1) employee or staffing matters; (2) approval of policies and procedures; or (3) program budgets. The OAP Director shall not be required to seek approval for program or management decisions from the Committee; however, they should foster an advisory relationship that allows Elders the opportunity to make suggestions and have input into the delivery of services.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

SECTION 105 OAP Advisory Committee: Compensation

Pursuant to Title 16, Section 602, in which all members, Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation receive a stipend of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), this law shall apply to person appointed to the Committee who attend the meetings of OAP Advisory Committee. If the amount paid to members of Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation is modified in Title 16, Section 602, the modifications shall also apply to the OAP Advisory Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2012-01, January 28, 2012;]

