

ADOPTING ORDINANCE

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY (NC)

DATE: Introduced October 11, 1999,
Amended and Passed November 16, 1999,
Ratified November 24, 1999.

ORDINANCE NO. 20 (1999)

WHEREAS the Cherokee Tribal Council is the legislative branch of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS it is critical that the laws and ordinances of the Eastern Band be codified, printed, and made available to the public, and

WHEREAS the Cherokee Code was last printed in 1992, and since that time the Eastern Band has enacted a number of significant new laws and ordinances, and made important amendments to much of the existing Code; and

WHEREAS the Office of the Attorney General has worked with Municipal Code Corporation to publish a Tribal Code that includes all amendments through September 30, 1999, and can easily be updated to keep the published law current.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Cherokee Code, containing the laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians enacted by the Tribal Council through September 30, 1999 is hereby adopted as the official codification of the laws of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all prior editions of the Cherokee Code, all resolutions or ordinances that are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provision of this Cherokee Code are hereby rescinded. This section shall not apply to laws, ordinances or amendments enacted after September 30, 1999, which shall be published in the next supplement to the Code and shall supercede all inconsistent provisions of this Code. Likewise, this section shall not apply to the Personnel Policy which shall be published as an appendix to Chapter 96 in the next supplement to the Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Cherokee Code is hereby authorized for publication in sufficient copies to make these laws generally available to the public, to practicing attorneys, to government officials, and to court and law enforcement personnel.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Office of the Attorney General is authorized and directed to make minor typographical and grammatical changes from time to time as may be necessary to improve the language of this Code without changing the meaning or intent of the laws enacted by the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Tribal Council shall ensure that this Cherokee Code is kept current by the semi-annual publication of revised pages of this Code to reflect new and amended laws. The Tribal Council will provide for the cost of such publication through its budget process.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.