Legislative History: The “Tobacco Tax Ordinance,” Ordinance No. 95-149, became effective retroactively on April 1, 1995 by Resolution No. 95-148; amended by Resolution No. 02-565 (amending Section 2.B.) on November 25, 2002; amended (to increase tax rates to reflect changes in Arizona law) and codified by Resolution No. 06-812 effective December 7, 2006; amended (to increase tax rates to reflect additional changes in Arizona law) by Resolution No. 06-839 effective December 7, 2006; amended by Resolution No. 07-133 effective March 16, 2007 (to repeal tax increases adopted by Resolutions No. 06-812 and 06-839).

Related History: Resolution No. 95-150, “Amending Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance No. 3-81,” was approved on April 13, 1995 and exempted the sale of tobacco product subject to tax levied by the Tobacco Tax Ordinance from taxes imposed under the Transaction Privilege Tax, Ordinance No. 03-81.
# TITLE 22 - TAXATION

## CHAPTER 1 - TOBACCO TAX

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TITLE 22-TAXATION

CHAPTER 1-TOBACCO TAX

Section 1101 Purpose.

This Chapter imposes a tax on the sale of tobacco products sold within the Tohono O’odham Nation for purposes of accomplishing the following:

(A) to reduce the harmful impact upon the health of the members of the Tohono O’odham Nation caused by the use of tobacco products;

(B) to reduce the use of tobacco products, particularly among the young people of this Nation;

(C) to resist the attempts of the State of Arizona to impose state taxes upon on-reservation activities; and

(D) to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Tohono O’odham Nation.

Section 1102 Levy of Tobacco Tax.

(A) There is levied and shall be collected by the Treasurer of the Nation, or the Chief Financial Officer of the Nation in lieu of an appointed Treasurer, a tax upon every person engaging in the business of selling tobacco products at retail within the Tohono O’odham Nation.

(B) Such tax is levied on the sale of tobacco products in the following amounts:

(1) On each cigarette, 5 cents.

(2) On smoking tobacco, snuff, fine cut chewing tobacco, cut and granulated tobacco, shorts and refuse of fine cut chewing tobacco, and refuse, scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, excluding tobacco powder or tobacco products used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes and unfit for human consumption, 11.3 cents per ounce or major fraction thereof.

(3) On all cavendish, plug or twist tobacco, 2.8 cents per ounce or fractional part thereof.

(4) On each twenty small cigars or fractional part thereof weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, 22.3 cents.

(5) On cigars of all descriptions except those included in paragraph 4 of this
subsection, made of tobacco or any substitute therefore, if manufactured to retail
at not more than 5 cents each, 11.0 cents on each three cigars, but if manufactured
to retail at more than 5 cents each, 11.0 cents on each cigar.

Section 1103  Collection and Enforcement.

(A)  Notwithstanding any provision of Ordinance No. 03-81 to the contrary, the tax levied by
this Chapter shall be due and payable to the Nation on the fifteenth day of each month following
the month in which the taxable sales were made.

(B)  Persons subject to the tax levied by this Chapter shall otherwise comply with all
requirements of Ordinance No. 03-81, including the licensing and reporting requirements.

(C)  In addition to the reporting requirements of Ordinance 03-81, persons subject to the tax
levied by this Chapter shall submit to the treasurer of the Nation, or Chief Financial Officer of
the Nation in lieu of an appointed Treasurer, with the payment of the tax imposed pursuant to
this Chapter, monthly written activity reports which account for all sales subject to taxation
under this Chapter.

(D)  The Treasurer of the Nation, or Chief Financial Officer of the Nation in lieu of an
appointed Treasurer, shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter and shall collect the taxes due
hereunder in accordance with applicable law including the provisions of Ordinance No. 03-81.

Section 1104  Interpretation.

The provisions of this Chapter formerly appeared within Ordinance No. 95-149, as
amended, and any references within the Tohono O’odham Code or the other laws of the Nation
to the provisions of Ordinance No. 95-149 or its amendments shall be construed as referring to
the corresponding, renumbered provisions of this Chapter.
RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONON O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Enacting the Tobacco Tax Ordinance)

RESOLUTION NO. 95-143

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(c) of the Nation's Constitution authorizes the Legislative Council to enact ordinances as an exercise of the inherent sovereign powers of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(d)(4) of the Nation's Constitution authorizes the Legislative Council to levy taxes on any person, corporation or association residing or doing business within the Nation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 94-119, it is in the Nation's interests to adopt an ordinance for the levy of taxes upon the sale of tobacco products within the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Tobacco Tax Ordinance, in the form attached hereto, is hereby enacted as an ordinance of the Tohono O'Odham Nation and shall be designated Ordinance Number 95-149.

2. The Nation's Chairman is authorized and directed to take all reasonable and necessary steps to implement this Resolution and the Tobacco Tax Ordinance.
RESOLUTION No. 95-148  
(Enacting the Tobacco Tax Ordinance)  
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 5TH day of APRIL, 1995 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,583.0 FOR; 0- AGAINST; 0- NOT VOTING; and 180.0 [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(c) & (d)(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

[Signature]
Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

11TH day of April, 1995

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

10TH day of April, 1995

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 11TH day of April, 1995 at 10:32 o'clock A.M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.
RESOLUTION NO. 95-148
(Enacting the Tobacco Tax Ordinance)
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

[Signature]
Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

[ ] APPROVED on the 13 day of April, 1995

[ ] DISAPPROVED at 9:42 o'clock, A.M.

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SYLVESTER LISTO, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13th day of

April, 1995, at 10:48 o'clock, A.M.

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Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION
TOBACCO TAX ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 95-149

SECTION 1: Purpose

This Ordinance imposes a tax on the sale of tobacco products sold within the Tohono O'odham Nation for purposes of accomplishing the following:

1. to reduce the harmful impact upon the health of the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation caused by the use of tobacco products;

2. to reduce the use of tobacco products, particularly among the young people of this Nation;

3. to resist the attempts of the State of Arizona to impose state taxes upon on-reservation activities; and

4. to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

SECTION 2: Levy of Tobacco Tax

A. There is levied and shall be collected by the Treasurer of the Nation, or the Chief Financial Officer of the Nation in lieu of an appointed Treasurer, a tax upon every person engaging in the business of selling tobacco products at retail within the Tohono O'odham Nation.
B. Such tax is levied on the sale of tobacco products in the following amounts:

1. On each cigarette, 2 cents.

2. On smoking tobacco, snuff, fine cut chewing tobacco, cut and granulated tobacco, shorts and refuse of fine cut chewing tobacco, and refuse, scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, excluding tobacco powder or tobacco products used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes and unfit for human consumption, 4.5 cents per ounce or major fraction thereof.

3. On all cavendish, plug or twist tobacco, 1.1 cents per ounce or fractional part thereof.

4. On each twenty small cigars or fractional part thereof weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, 8.9 cents.

5. On cigars of all descriptions except those included in paragraph 4 of this subsection, made of tobacco or any substitute therefor, if manufactured to retail at not more than 5 cents each, 4.4 cents on each three cigars, but if manufactured to retail at more than 5 cents each, 4.4 cents on each cigar.
SECTION 3: Collection and Enforcement

A. Notwithstanding any provision of Ordinance No. 03-81 to the contrary, the tax levied by this Ordinance shall be due and payable to the Nation on the fifteenth day of each month following the month in which the taxable sales were made.

B. Persons subject to the tax levied by this Ordinance shall otherwise comply with all requirements of Ordinance No. 03-81, including the licensing and reporting requirements.

C. In addition to the reporting requirements of Ordinance 03-81, persons subject to the tax levied by this Ordinance shall submit to the Treasurer of the Nation, or Chief Financial Officer of the Nation in lieu of an appointed Treasurer, with the payment of the tax imposed pursuant to this Ordinance, monthly written activity reports which account for all sales subject to taxation under this Ordinance.

D. The Treasurer of the Nation, or Chief Financial Officer of the Nation in lieu of an appointed Treasurer, shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and shall collect the taxes due hereunder in accordance with applicable law including the provisions of Ordinance No. 03-81.
SECTION 4: Effective Date

The Effective date of this Ordinance is April 1, 1995.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 5TH day of APRIL, 1995 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,583.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 180.0 (08) ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(c) & (d)(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

[Signature]
Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

ORDINANCE APPROVED this 17 day of April, 1995.

[Signature]
SYLVESTER LISTO, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION
RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Amending Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance No. 3-81)

RESOLUTION NO. 95-150

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 95-143 the Legislative Council enacted the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149, which levies a tax upon every person engaging in the business of selling tobacco products within the Tohono O'Odham Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has determined that the Nation will be best served to exempt from the levy of taxes imposed under the Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 3-81, the sale of tobacco products which are subject to the tax levied by the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has determined that in accordance with Resolution No. 94-319, the Nation will be best served to amend Section 5(B) (13) of the Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 3-81, to limit the ability of the State of Arizona to levy taxes upon on-reservation activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 3-81, as amended by Resolution Nos. 224-84, 338-87, and 357-87, is hereby
RESOLUTION **95-150**  
(Amending Transaction Privilege Tax Ordinance No. 3-81)

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amended, effective April 1, 1995, by replacing subsection 5(B) (13) with the following:

13. The sale of tobacco products which are subject to the tax levied by the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 5TH. day of APRIL, 1995 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1.583.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 180.0 [08] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(c) & (d)(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

11TH day of April, 1995

ATTEST:

Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

11TH day of April, 1995
Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the day of , 19 at o'clock, M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

[ ] APPROVED on the day of , 19

[ ] DISAPPROVED at o'clock, M.

SYLVESTER LISTO, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the day of , 19 at o'clock, M.

Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary
RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Amending Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149, to Increase Tax Rates)

RESOLUTION NO. 02-565

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 95-148 the Legislative Council enacted the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149, which levies a tax upon every person engaging in the business of selling tobacco products within the Tohono O'odham Nation; and

WHEREAS, one purpose of the Ordinance is "to resist the attempts of the State of Arizona to impose state taxes upon on-reservation activities" (Ordinance No. 95-149, Section 1(1)); and

WHEREAS, because the Nation's tax is currently levied at a rate equal to the Arizona tobacco tax, the State of Arizona does not collect its tobacco tax on the Nation; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, Arizona voters approved Proposition 303, which will amend Arizona law to increase the state tax on tobacco sales; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the State of Arizona is prevented from collecting the amount of the increased tax on the Nation and to accomplish the Ordinance's other purposes, it is necessary to amend Section 2(B) of the Tobacco Tax Ordinance to increase the tax rates therein as follows:

"B. Such tax is levied on the sale of tobacco products in the following amounts:

1. On each cigarette, $0.5 cents.

2. On smoking tobacco, snuff, fine cut chewing tobacco, cut and granulated tobacco, shorts and refuse of fine cut chewing tobacco, and refuse, scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, excluding tobacco powder or tobacco products used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes and unfit for human consumption, $0.5 11.3 cents per ounce or major fraction thereof.

3. On all cavendish, plug or twist tobacco, $0.1 2.8 cents per ounce or fractional part thereof.

4. On each twenty small cigars or fractional part thereof weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, $0.9 22.3 cents.

5. On cigars of all descriptions except those included in paragraph 4 of this subsection, made of tobacco or any tobacco substitute therefor, if manufactured to retail at not more than 5 cents each, $4 11.0 cents on each
three cigars, but if manufactured to retail at more than 5 cents each, 4.4
11.0 cents on each cigar.”; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council Commerce and Budget and Finance Committees have
reviewed these proposed amendments and recommend their adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council that it
hereby approves the above amendments to Section 2(B) of the Tobacco Tax
Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these amendments shall become effective at midnight on November
25, 2002.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tobacco Tax Ordinance shall be reprinted in its entirety
showing a revision date of November 25, 2002.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council on the 25th Day
of NOVEMBER, 2002, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,417.5 FOR; -0-
AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
Section 1 (c)(1), (2) and (d)(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O’odham Nation,
adopted by the Tohono O’odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act
of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O’ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

25th day of November, 2002

ATTEST:

Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

25 day of November, 2002.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O’odham
Nation on the 25th day of November, 2002 at 4:56 o’clock, P.M.,
pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective
upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of
submittal.
RESOLUTION NO. 02-565
(Amending Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149, to Increase Tax Rates)
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Camille Lopez
Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

[ ] APPROVED

on the 25th day of December, 2002

[ ] DISAPPROVED

at 4:57 o'clock, P.M.

EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 25th day of

November, 2002, at 5:03 o'clock, P.M.

Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary
RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Repealing Tobacco Tax Increases)  

RESOLUTION NO. 07-133

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to levy taxes on any person or entity doing business within the Nation (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(d)(4)); and

WHEREAS, federal and state court opinions and Arizona statutes permit the State of Arizona to tax certain sales of tobacco products on Indian reservations within Arizona; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §42-3302, if an Indian tribe within Arizona levies a tobacco tax at a rate equal to the Arizona tobacco tax, the State of Arizona tax rate will be zero percent; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 95-148 the Legislative Council enacted the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-149, which levied a tax upon every person engaging in the business of selling tobacco products within the Tohono O'odham Nation; and

WHEREAS, in response to tobacco tax increases enacted by Arizona voters in 2002, the Nation increased its tobacco tax rates to match Arizona tax rates (Resolution No. 02-565); and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, Arizona voters approved Propositions 201 and 203, which amended Arizona law to further increase the state tax on tobacco sales; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Legislative Council passed Resolutions No. 06-812 and No. 06-839 to (1) codify its tobacco tax law as Tohono O'odham Code Title 22, Chapter 1 and (2) increase the Nation's tobacco tax rate to match the increases in the state tax that became effective December 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, after the Arizona tax increases took effect and the Nation increased its tax, the Arizona Attorney General issued opinions determining that the tax increases levied by Propositions 201 and 203 would not apply to on-reservation sales by tribal members and tribal entities; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore in the Nation's best interest to repeal the tax increases imposed by Resolutions No. 06-812 and No. 06-839.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it hereby repeals the tobacco tax increases imposed by Resolutions No 06-812 and No. 06-839; provided that the Nation's Tobacco Tax shall remain codified as Tohono O'odham Code Title 22, Chapter 1, as dated for reference January 2007.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-133
(Repealing Tobacco Tax Increases)
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council on the 07TH Day of MARCH, 2007 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,173.5 FOR; 516.6 AGAINST; 583.3 NOT VOTING; and 167.4 [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (c)(1), (c)(2), and (d)(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O’Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O’Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O’ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman

14 day of March, 2007

ATTEST:

Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary

07 day of March, 2007.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairwoman of the Tohono O’Odham Nation on the 16 day of March 2007 at 11:03 o’clock, A.M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon her approval or upon her failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O’ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman

[ ] APPROVED on the 16 day of March, 2007

[ ] DISAPPROVED at 11:03 o’clock, A.M.

VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS, CHAIRWOMAN
TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14 day of

March, 2007, at 11:13 o'clock, A.M.

Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary