Legislative History: The "Archaeological Resources Protection Ordinance," Ordinance No. 06-84, was enacted by the Papago Council on August 20, 1984 and approved by the Papago Agency Acting Superintendent on August 24, 1984.
ORDINANCE OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL
(ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ORDINANCE)

ORD. NO. 06-84

Statement of Purpose: An ordinance for the protection and preservation of archaeological resources historically associated with traditional or sacred values and beliefs important to the O’odham, and of the physical site, location or context in which archaeological resources are found.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Papago Tribe of the Papago Reservation as follows:

Section 1 Short Title

This ordinance may be cited as the Archaeological Resources Protection Ordinance of the Papago Tribe.

Section 2 Interpretation

This ordinance shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the Papago Tribe for the protection of the public welfare, health, peace and morals of the people of the Papago Reservation and all provisions of this ordinance shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Section 3 Definitions

In this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

(A) "Archaeological resource" means any material remains of past human life or activities which are of archaeological interest and the physical site, location or context in which they are found. An archaeological object, site or other material remain is of archaeological interest if through its scientific study and analysis, information or knowledge can be obtained concerning human life or activities. Nonfossilized or fossilized paleontological specimens and treasure-trove or abandoned property as defined in the Scheat Ordinance of the Papago Tribe, or any portion or piece thereof, shall not be considered archaeological resources under this ordinance unless found in an archaeological context.

(B) "Material remains of past human life or activities" means physical evidence of human habitation, occupation, use or activity, including, but not limited to:

(1) Surface or subsurface structures, shelters, facilities or features (including, but not limited to, domestic structures, storage structures, cooking structures, ceremonial structures, human-made mounds, earthworks, canals, reservoirs, horticultural/agricultural gardens or fields, rock alignments, cairns, trails, borrow pits, cooking pits, refuse pits, middens, graves, hearths, kilns, post molds);

(2) Surface or subsurface artifact concentrations or scatters and the three dimensional
relationship of artifacts to each other in the ground.

(3) Whole or fragmentary tools, implements, containers, weapons and weapon projectiles, clothing and ornaments (including, but not limited to, pottery and other ceramics, basketry, cordage, weavings, coins, bullets, bottles and other glassware, flaked stone, ground stone, pecked stone, worked bone, metal, wood, hide, feathers, pigments);

(4) By-products, waste products, or debris resulting from manufacture or use of human-made or natural materials;

(5) Organic waste (including, but not limited to vegetal and animal remains, coprolites);

(6) Human skeletal or mummified remains (including, but not limited to, bone, flesh, teeth, burials, graves, cremations);

(7) Rock carvings, rock paintings, intaglios and other works of artistic or symbolic representation;

(8) Rockshelters and caves or portions thereof containing any of the above material remains;

(9) The physical site, location or context in which any of the foregoing are situated;

(10) Any portion or piece of any of the foregoing.

(C) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Papago Council who is hereby designated as the official to receive notification of any archaeological permit applications or of any archaeological or environmental impact or activities required to be given to the Papago Tribe pursuant to Federal Acts or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(D) "Federal Act" means:


(5) The Department of Transportation Act of 1970 (49 U.S.C. 1653);

(6) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321);

(7) Any other act enacted by Congress for the protection of archaeological, environmental or historic sites or resources on Indian lands or affecting Indian tribes.

(D) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, institution, association, or any other entity.

Section 4 Prohibited Acts

(A) No person, other than a member of the Papago Tribe, may conduct any archaeological survey or study on the Papago Reservation, and no person may excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface any archaeological resource located on the Papago Reservation, unless such activity is pursuant to a permit issued under Section 7 or is exempted by Section 5 (B).

(B) No person may sell, transfer, transport or receive any archaeological resource if such resource was excavated or removed from the Papago Reservation in violation of this ordinance or of any applicable Federal Act, or of any permit issued pursuant thereto.

Section 5 Permit, Exemptions

(A) Permits are required for persons wishing to conduct excavations and/or removal of archaeological resources from the Papago Reservation, and to carry out activities associated with such excavation and/or removal, and are issued by the Chairman to qualified persons, subject to appropriate terms and conditions. The Papago Tribe shall have absolute discretion in the issuance of a permit.

(B) Exceptions:

(1) No permit shall be required for archaeological surveys or studies which do not involve the collection or disturbance of archaeological resources; provided, that persons who are not members of the Papago Tribe shall first receive the written consent to conduct such surveys or studies from the District Council in which the lands subject to the proposed surveys or studies are located; and provided further, that, if archaeological resources are discovered, such resources shall be left undisturbed and a permit shall be obtained in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 before resuming such surveys or studies.
(2) No permit shall be required for the collection or recovery by any employees and agents of the Papago Tribe of treasure-trove or abandoned property as defined in the Escheat Ordinance of the Papago Tribe.

(3) Employees and agents of the Papago Tribe carrying out their official duties associated with the management of archaeological resources shall be deemed to be operating under a valid permit.

(4) No permit or other consent shall be required for employees and agents of the Federal government carrying out official duties associated with the management of archaeological resources.

(5) No permit shall be required to carry out any archaeological activity which was authorized by a Federal permit issued under a Federal Act before the enactment of this ordinance.

(C) Activities relating to archaeological resources on the Papago Reservation may be subject to Federal Acts and permits.

(D) A permit issued under this ordinance shall constitute consent on behalf of the Tribe to the issuance of permits for the excavation or removal of archaeological resources located on the Papago Reservation required by any applicable Federal Act.

Section 6 Application for Permits

(A) Any person may file an application with the Chairman for a permit to excavate and/or remove archaeological resources from the Papago Reservation and to carry out activities associated with such excavation or removal.

(B) Each applicant for a permit shall include:

(1) The exact character of the work proposed including how and why it is proposed to be conducted, proposed time of performance, location maps, and proposed outlet for public written dissemination of the results.

(2) The name and address of the individual(s) proposed to be responsible for conducting the work, his/her institutional affiliation, if any, and evidence of his/her education, training, and experience.

(3) The name and address of the individual(s), if different from the individual(s) named in paragraph (B)(2) of this section, proposed to be responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit.
Section 7

Issuance of Permit

The Chairman may, after consultation with the District Council of the District(s) in which the proposed work is to take place, issue a permit, upon determining that:

(A) The applicant is appropriately qualified, as evidenced by training, education and/or experience, and possesses demonstrable competence in theoretical and methodological design, and in collecting, handling, analyzing, evaluating and reporting archaeological data, relative to the type and scope of work proposed.

(B) The proposed work will benefit the Tribe by furthering archaeological knowledge in the public interest.

(C) The proposed work, including time, scope, location, and purpose is not inconsistent with any management plan or policy of the Tribe or District.

(D) The required consent has been obtained from Indian landowners of allotted land.

(E) Evidence is submitted that the university, museum or other institution proposed in the application as the repository possesses adequate curatorial capability for safeguarding and preserving the archaeological resources and all associated records, and that such university, museum or institution acknowledges the Tribe’s ownership of the archaeological resources and associated records.

(F) The applicant has certified that a Tribal
representative shall inspect all archaeological resources prior to removal from the Papago Reservation, and that, not later than the date of the final report is submitted to the Chairman, the following will be delivered to the Papago Tribe or to the appropriate official of the approved university, museum or other institution named in the permit, namely, all artifacts, samples, collections, records, data, photographs, and other documents resulting from the work conducted under the requested permit.

(G) The applicant has certified that, to the greatest extent possible, the applicant will employ qualified members of the Papago Tribe to do the work proposed under the requested permit.

Section 8. Terms and Conditions of Permits

(A) All permits issued shall specify the nature of work permitted, including time, duration, location and purpose, the names of the individual(s) responsible for conducting the work and of the university, museum or other institution, if any, in which any collected material or data shall be deposited.

(B) To the extent possible, excavation work shall be open to the public, including inspection of the work in progress, in cooperation with local schools and educational programs.

(C) The Chairman may specify terms and conditions as he deems necessary to protect the public interest and can limit activities incidental to work authorized under the permit.

(D) The permittee shall not be released from the requirements of a permit until all provisions of this ordinance have been complied with, and all terms and conditions of the permit have been satisfied, whether or not the permit has expired.

(E) Initiation of work or other activities by the permittee under the authority of the permit will constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the permit.

(F) The permittee shall provide the Chairman with a complete inventory of all archaeological resources found and a detailed report of all the activities of the permittee.

Section 9 Suspension, Revocation and Termination of Permits

(A) The Chairman may suspend a permit upon determining that the permittee has failed to meet the terms and conditions of the permit or has violated any provision of this ordinance. The suspension shall remain in effect until such time as permittee corrects the situation, as determined by the Chairman.
(B) The Chairman may revoke a permit if the permittee fails to correct the situation which led to the suspension or upon assessment of a civil penalty against permittee under Section 13.

(C) The Papago Tribe reserves the right to terminate a permit, at any time for program purposes, without liability to the Tribe, its agents or employees.

Section 10 Appeals Relating to Permits

Any person may appeal permit issuance, denial of permit issuance, suspension, revocation, termination, and terms and conditions of permits by written petition addressed to the Papago Council which shall be heard by the Council within ninety days of service thereof upon the Chairman.

Section 11 Custody and Ownership of Resources

(A) Archaeological resources excavated or removed from the Papago Reservation remain the property of the Papago Tribe, and permission to remove the resources shall not imply transfer of ownership.

(B) The Chairman may promulgate regulations establishing procedures and guidelines for the exchange of archaeological resources among suitable universities, museums or other scientific or educational institutions, for the ultimate disposition of archaeological resources, and for standards by which archaeological resources shall be preserved and maintained.

Section 12 Disposition of Human Remains

(A) The Papago Tribe reserves the right to determine the method and place of disposition of human remains in accordance with religious or traditional practice.

(B) Whenever human remains (including, but not limited to skeletal or mummified remains, bone, flesh, teeth, burials, burial urns, graves or cremations) are discovered in the course of permitted activity, the permittee shall take the following steps:

(1) The permittee shall immediately notify the Chairman and shall not further uncover or disturb the human remains, but shall do everything reasonably necessary to safeguard the remains in their existing condition.

(2) The Chairman shall notify the District Council of the District in which the remains were discovered which may consult with an appropriate medicine man about the ultimate disposition of the remains.
other relief as is necessary and proper for the enforcement of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the impoundment of archaeological resources, vehicles and equipment, and injunctive relief against or involved in violations of this ordinance or in violations of conditions of permits issued under this ordinance.

(5) All actions for forfeiture or impoundment under this ordinance shall be considered in rem, against the property only, and not against the person.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 20th day of August, 1934, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1414.5 for; 0 against; 25.5 not voting; and 1 absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Papago Council by Sections 2 (c), (e) and (i) and Section 3 (b), (c), (e) and (h) of Article V of the Constitution and By-laws of the Papago Tribe of Arizona as amended, ratified by the Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 277 (67 Stat. 536).

This Ordinance shall be effective as of the date the Secretary of the Interior or his designee approves this Ordinance and publishes it in the Federal Register.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

[Signature]
JOSIAH MOORE, Chairman

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary

ORDINANCE APPROVED this 24th day of August, 1934.

[Signature]
ACTING Superintendent, Papago Agency