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# PEORIA TRIBE

OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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CHIEF  
Craig Harper

SECOND CHIEF  
Rosanna Dobbs

## AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

The undersigned has filed a "Declaration of Candidacy" form with the Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

I have read the Declaration of Candidacy form and know the contents thereof; that the statements contained herein are true and contain a full and true account of the information requested. **I executed this statement with the acknowledgment that misrepresentation or failure to reveal the information requested may be deemed sufficient cause for denial as a candidate for office under the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.** I am voluntarily submitting this application with full knowledge that Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma provides: "Any member of the Peoria Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of the election; and who has never been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Business Committee or Grievance Committee."

**I hereby authorize the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to investigate my criminal history and authorize any person to answer any questions about their experience with me and other pertinent items as stipulated on the submitted Declaration of Candidacy relating to previous felony convictions. I further agree to be fingerprinted at the request of the Tribe and consent to the use of my fingerprints in the background check.**

I hereby expressly waive, release, and forever discharge the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Election Committee, and their agents from any and all manner of action and causes of action whatsoever that I, my administrators or executors can, shall, or may have against the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the licensing agency and their agents, as a result of my filing as a candidate for office with the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance; and

In witness whereof, I have executed this release at \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

State of OKLAHOMA)  
) SS.  
County of OTTAWA)

Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ personally known to me to be the same person who  
executed the above instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY  
Jenny Rampey

TREASURER  
Hank Downum

FIRST COUNCILMAN  
Carolyn Ritchey

SECOND COUNCILMAN  
Kara D. North

THIRD COUNCILMAN  
Scott Myers

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES**

The following qualifications for candidates must be satisfied in accordance with the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma:

### **Article IX, Section 5**

Qualifications of Candidates – Any member of the Peoria Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of election; and who has never been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Business Committee or Grievance Committee.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe who files for an elective office and is currently holding another elective Tribal office, will upon filing, immediately resign his or her present office. Resigning from a present office will apply only if an incumbent files for a different elective office.

### **Article IX, Section 6**

Nominations – Nominations for the Business Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be filed with the Election Committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election in accordance with the Election Ordinance.

## **FILING PROCEDURES**

Filing procedures are prescribed by the Election Ordinance and governed by the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

**Candidate For Office:** Any qualified member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for any elective office, shall file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Election Committee or the Committee's designated representative. The official form shall be provided by the Peoria Tribe. The prospective candidate's membership shall be verified by the Tribal Enrollment Officer.

**Declaration of Candidacy:** The Declaration of Candidacy shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Election Committee and filed in person during normal working hours, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position on the Business Committee at any time.

**Filing Fee:** There shall be a non-refundable fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) paid by prospective candidates for the elected offices. The filing fee shall be by cash, certified check, or money order, made payable to the Peoria Tribe. The filing fee shall be paid, in person, on the same date the prospective candidate submits his/her Declaration of Candidacy. This filing fee shall be deposited into the Tribal treasury for the use of the Tribe to defray all expenses incurred as a result of the election.

**Withdrawal:** A person seeking an elected office may withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy by filing a written notice of withdrawal, in person, with the Election Committee or designated representative. The notice of withdrawal shall be filed during normal working hours at the Peoria Tribal office building or other designated location. Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, address and the position for which he/she is a candidate. Also, such notice shall be signed by the candidate and notarized. If a candidate withdraws after ballots have been printed, the Election Committee shall post notices to that effect at the voting place and within the voting booths and make a line through or otherwise obliterate the candidate's name from the ballots. Any votes cast for a withdrawn candidate shall not be counted.

**Verify Qualifications of Candidates:** The Election Committee shall review all filings for the elected office to ascertain that the prospective candidates meet the qualifications set forth in Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe. The Election Committee shall make these determinations no later than ten (10) days following receipt of Declaration of Candidacy form. If the Election Committee determines that a person is not eligible to be a candidate, the Election Committee or designated representative shall notify that person in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of their decision. That person's name shall not be included on the ballot. The ineligible person may appeal, in writing, the Election Committee's decision to the Business Committee at the next monthly meeting of the Business Committee.



