

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
DRESSLERVILLE COMMUNITY
PURPOSE

As members of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California organized under a Constitution and Bylaws approved on January 24, 1936, with amendments effective as of June 20, 1966, and as residents of the Dresslerville Community, we do hereby comply with Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution and do establish these Articles of Association in order to promote the well-being of the people, define the responsibilities of our local government, and enable us to better manage the affairs of our community.

ARTICLE I - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Section 1. In accordance with Article 111 of the Constitution of the Washoe Tribe, a Community Council shall serve under these Articles as the governing body of the community. The Community Council shall be composed of five persons and shall be known as the Dresslerville Community Council.

Section 2. Any member of the Washoe Tribe, 21 years of age or over who is a resident of Dresslerville, shall be eligible to serve as a Community Council member. The term of office shall be, four years.

Section 3. Two members of the Community Council shall be selected by the Council to represent the Dresslerville Community on the Washoe Tribal Council. These Washoe Tribal Council representatives shall not serve a fixed term, but may be replaced at any time by the Community Council from within its own Council membership.

Section 4. The Dresslerville Community Council shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer, who may be selected from outside the Council.

ARTICLE 11 - ELECTIONS

Section 1. On the third Saturday of October every four (4) years, five Councilmen shall be elected from and by the adult residents of Dresslerville who are members of the Washoe Tribe. The election shall be called, conducted, supervised, and certified in accordance with an ordinance enacted by the Washoe Tribal Council.

Section 2. Any referendum election of a local nature in which only the adult Washoe residents of Dresslerville are participating shall be conducted under the supervision of the Dresslerville Community Council in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Community Council.

Section 3. All Washoe residents of Dresslerville who are 21 years of age or over shall be eligible to vote in all community elections.

ARTICLE 111 - VACANCIES & REMOVALS

Section 1. Any Community Councilman may be recalled from the Council by the adult Washoe residents of the Dresslerville Colony. This may be achieved through an election called by the Community Council. The Council shall call the election when presented with a petition requesting it which is signed by at least 25% of the eligible voters of the Community. Representatives on the Washoe Tribal Council may be recalled in accordance with Article IX, Section 3 (a) of the Tribal Constitution.

Section 2. Any vacancy on the Dresslerville Council shall be filled by a majority vote of eligible voters of Dresslerville Community assembled in general Council meeting, provided at least 25% of the eligible voters vote in this election and also that a waiting period of thirty days be provided between nominations for office and the election.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS & DUTIES OF THE DRESSLERVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Section 1. Subject to all limitations imposed by the Constitution and statutes of the United States and by the Washoe Tribal Council and the Washoe Tribal Constitution, all powers not expressly reserved by the Washoe Tribal Council may be exercised by the Dresslerville Community Council in accordance with Article VII of the Tribal Constitution. These shall include the power:

- (a) To adopt legislation which will reflect the wishes of the Community Council and the Dresslerville residents.
- (b) To prepare an annual budget for presentation to the Washoe Tribal Council and to supervise the expenditures of funds budgeted for Dresslerville.
- (c) To meet with Federal, State, and local governments, as well as any other organization or individual, on behalf of the Community population.
- (d) To receive and consider applications for assignments on tribal lands within their community and to present these applications to the Washoe Tribal Council with recommendations.
- (e) To advise the Washoe Tribal Council on the leasing of any tribal lands within the Community.
- (f) To hold and manage property belonging to the residents of Dresslerville.
- (g) To manage all enterprises of a community nature which do not affect or concern the Washoe Tribe as a whole.

(h) To establish and regulate subordinate organizations and to delegate powers to these organizations, provided; that no power expressly delegated to the Dresslerville Community Council by the Washoe Tribal Council shall be redelegated without Washoe Tribal Council approval.

(i) To assist and advise the Washoe Tribal Council in carrying out programs or projects which are of interest to or benefit the Washoe people.

(j) To keep the residents of Dresslerville informed as to the actions and activities of the Washoe Tribal Council.

(k) To perform all duties and exercise any powers delegated to the Community Council through ordinances enacted by the Washoe Tribal Council and to submit all actions, taken as a result of such delegation, to the Washoe Tribal Council for review.

ARTICLE V-MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Dresslerville Community Council shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Special meetings may be called by a written notice signed by the Chairman or a majority of the Council members. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over all meetings.

Section 2. No business shall be transacted by the Dresslerville Community Council unless a quorum of three is present.

Section 3. The order of business at regular meetings shall be:

- (a) Call to Order.
- (b) Roll Call
- (c) Reading the minutes of the last meeting
- (d) Unfinished business
- (e) Reports
- (f) New business
- (g) Adjournment

ARTICLE VI-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Articles of Association may be amended by a majority of the eligible voters of the Dresslerville Community voting in an election called by the Dresslerville Community Council, provided, that at least 50% of the eligible voters cast ballots in the election. No amendment shall be effective until approved by the Washoe Tribal Council.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Dresslerville Community Council to

call an election on any proposed amendment when presented with a petition requesting the election signed by at least 25% of the eligible voters.

ARTICLE VII-ADOPTION

These Articles of Association shall be in full effect when ratified by the eligible voters of the Dresslerville Community in an election in which at least 50% of the voters cast ballots and when approved by the Washoe Tribal Council.

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The above Articles of Association of the Dresslerville Community were adopted by the eligible voters of the Dresslerville Community in an election on October 21, 1969.

The above Articles of Association of the Dresslerville Community were approved by the Washoe Tribal Council By Resolution No. 70-W-7 adopted November 14, 1969.