

TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION:	A Bill to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Zoning Act
RESOLUTION NO:	10L-RS-2025-11-006
DATE INTRODUCED:	October 6, 2025
SPONSOR:	Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1
CO-SPONSOR:	Travis Ruiz, District A3

SUBJECT: A Bill to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Zoning Act

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are duly recognized by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a self-governing, Sovereign Nation, that is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government under a constitution approved by the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature, which includes the powers to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has the Constitutional obligation and public responsibility to the Tribes to oversee the Tribes' operations in order to establish and promote justice, establish guidance and direction for the government and advance the general welfare of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: This Zoning Act is hereby enacted for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes by:

1. Securing safety from fire, panic and other dangers;
2. Providing adequate light and air;
3. Prevent overcrowding of land; and
4. Facilitating the adequate provisions of tribal services, transportation, water, sewage, parks, and other public requirements.


WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have inherent power, as part of self-governance and civil jurisdiction to impose zoning regulations on tribal lands held in trust by the United States. The provisions of this Act shall extend to all tribal lands and

waters held in trust; all individual trust lands and waters within the present confines of the tribal jurisdiction, and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto under any law of the United States, except as otherwise provided by applicable law; and

WHEREAS: This Act encourages the most appropriate use of Cheyenne and Arapaho lands and promotes the development of the community in accordance with the Tribes Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Plan as follows:

1. Establishes a zoning regulation for tribal trust lands; and
2. Regulates the use of land and buildings on lots; and
3. Provides for the administration and enforcement of this Act; and
4. Assists in guiding the future development of tribal lands; and
5. Protects the character and stability of residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and other tribal land uses, and assures the orderly and beneficial development of such areas; and
6. Creates contiguous areas of harmonious use and where less intensive uses are favored.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Tenth Legislature determines that it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Zoning Act as attached herewith.




Kendricks Sleeper
Speaker of the Tenth Legislature
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

ATTEST:

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-11-006 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Legislature Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 8th day of November 2025, by a vote.

VOTE RECORD:

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz	✓			
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.	✓			
C2	George Woods	✓			
C3	Thomas Trout	✓			
C4	Byron Byrd	✓			
TOTAL		8			
Passes (X) Fails () Tabled () Allowed to Die () No Action ()					


Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk
Tenth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



ATTEST:


Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately."

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: "The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution."

☒ APPROVED

☐ VETOED: Attachment ____; Governor's written explanation of any objections.

On the 8th day of November, 2025.



Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:

From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management

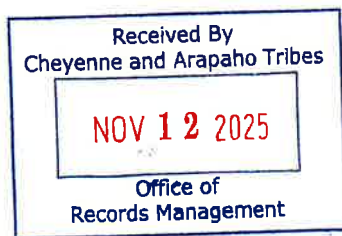
ATTEST:

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, "The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually."

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 10L-RS-2025-11-006.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 11/12/25

Office of Records Management
Department of Administration, Executive Branch
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

