

NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER

**ORDINANCE No. 87-01  
(As amended 10/5/1990)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER  
ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES.**

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**SECTIONS**

**Section 1. Findings and Purpose**

The Village finds that:

- A) It is the governing body of the Native Village of Wales federally recognized tribe.
- B) It has the authority to make rules governing membership in the Native Village of Wales.
- C) Establishing membership criteria and an official tribal roll are essential to the efficient and fair administration of tribal government.
- D) This ordinance is intended to establish membership criteria and procedures for establishing an official roll to be kept at the administrative office of the Council, and to establish procedures to keep the roll current through the addition of new members and removal of former members.

**Section 2. Definitions.**

- A) "Native" shall mean an individual who is at least one-quarter (1/4) blood Native American or other aboriginal Eskimo.
- B) "Member" shall mean an individual whose name appears on the tribal roll at the office of the Traditional Council. There may be more than one class of members

- C) "Inactive member" shall mean an individual who has established a permanent residence outside the Native Village of Teller, but who has not voluntarily given up membership in the Native Village of Teller nor has enrolled to any other Native Village of Tribe. Inactive members shall have only those rights of membership as specified in Section 4 below.

### Section 3. Standards For Membership.

- A) Basic Membership. The basic membership of the Native Village of Teller shall consist of all Native whose names are listed on the official Village membership role at the time the revised Constitution is ratified by the membership. Such members shall be referred to as "base enrollees" for purposes of this ordinance.
- B) Qualifications for Membership. Any person who meets the following qualifications is automatically eligible for membership in the Native Village of Teller: Members of the Native Village of Teller shall be persons who:
- 1) Is at least one quarter (1/4) blood Native American or other aboriginal Eskimo; and
  - 2) Is either descended from a base enrollee; or
  - 3) who resided in the Native Village of Teller not less than one (1) year prior to application for membership; and
  - 4) is not enrolled to any other Native village or tribe.
- C) Adoption. Persons not automatically eligible for membership under Section (a) above, may by application to the Council, and upon approval by the Council and follow up ratification by majority vote of the full membership, be adopted as members of the village. Such adopted members will be given full membership status at the time of Council approval, subject ratification by the membership.

### Section 4. Rights of Inactive Members

- A) Members who establish a permanent residence outside the Village of Teller shall be listed on the tribal roll as "inactive members." Inactive members shall be ineligible to participate in local Village affairs but shall otherwise maintain their status as tribal members.
- B) Inactive members shall be automatically restored to full membership status after residing in the Village for one year and filing an affidavit with the Council that they have established a permanent residence in the Village.

### Section 5. Establishment of a Tribal Roll

- A) The Teller IRA Council shall appoint a Tribal Enrollment Officer (TRO) to administer the enrollment duties established by this ordinance.
- B) An initial tribal roll shall be established and maintained by the TRO. The roll shall include all persons who meet the membership requirements of Section 3 above.

- C) This initial roll shall be posted in a public place in the Village. Persons believing themselves to be members of the Native Village of Teller who are not listed on the initial roll shall notify the TRO, and shall complete an application for enrollment. The TRO shall make a recommendation to the IRA Council whether to approve or deny the application. All applications for enrollment shall be acted on by the IRA Council before the publication of the official membership roll. The official membership roll of the tribe shall be adopted by the IRA Council and published within ninety (90) days of the posting of the initial membership roll. All applicants whose applications were approved for membership in the tribe shall be included on the official roll. After the official membership roll is published, applicants for enrollment may apply in accordance with Section 6 of this ordinance.

#### Section 6. Procedure for New Members.

- A) Applicants for membership shall complete an application for enrollment on a form approved by the IRA Council and shall file the application with the TRO.
- B) The TRO shall recommend to the Traditional Council within sixty (60) days of the filing whether to approve or deny the application for enrollment.
- C) The IRA Council shall act on the application within ninety (90) days of filing. The decision of the Traditional Council is final.

#### Section 7. Procedure for Disenrollment.

- A) A member may be disenrolled if the Council determines that the member was granted membership on the basis of false or erroneous information, or if the member enrolls in another Native Village or tribes while a member of the Native Village of Teller.
- B) Any person subject to disenrollment must be given written notice of the reasons for disenrollment by certified mail. Within ten days of receipt of the Native, the person subject to disenrollment may request a hearing before the Traditional Council. If the sole reason for disenrollment is the enrollment in another Tribe, the member shall be given the opportunity to relinquish membership in the other Tribe. IF the member requests a hearing, one shall be held within thirty days of the request. The Traditional Council's decision after a hearing shall be final.

#### Section 8. Civil Rights.

- A) All actions taken by the IRA Council or its agents or employee's shall conform with the requirements of the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 U.S.C. Section 1302.

#### Section 9. Severability.

If any section or portion of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all sections not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Teller Traditional Council at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1987.

Signed: Andrew Topekok  
President

Attested: James Omiak  
Vice Chair



*NVT/TTC NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER  
TELLER TRADITIONAL COUNCIL*

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT**

APPLICATION NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Alaska Native, Indian, Maiden Name, or other name which known: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box / Street City State Zip Code

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor on Base Roll or ANCSA Roll through whom enrollment rights are claimed: (if known)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**DEGREE OF NATIVE BLOOD CLAIMED:** (example: ¼ native, ¾ Native, ½ Native, etc.)

Alaska Native ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Give Title Degree of Native Blood

Is either of your parents enrolled as a member in another Tribe? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, name parent and name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is applicant an adopted child? Yes ( ) No ( )

Is applicant enrolled with another Tribe? Yes ( ) No ( )

Is applicant a direct lineal descendant of a member of a Tribe? Yes ( ) No ( )

**COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE, BAPTISMAL RECORD OR OTHER PROOF OF  
BIRTH AND PARENTAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION FORM.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adult Applicant or Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

If Sponsored application, relationship of sponsor to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:** Go to page 2 and fill out Family Tree Chart.

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**NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER**  
**FAMILY TREE CHART**

	Grandfather	Great Grandfather
	Tribe and Blood Degree	Tribe and Blood Degree
Father	Tribe and Blood Degree	Great Grandmother
Tribe and Blood Degree		Tribe and Blood Degree
	Grandmother	Great Grandfather
	Tribe and Blood Degree	Tribe and Blood Degree
	Tribe and Blood Degree	Great Grandmother
Applicant		Tribe and Blood Degree
Tribe and Blood Degree		Great Grandfather
	Grandfather	Tribe and Blood Degree
	Tribe and Blood Degree	
Mother		Great Grandmother
Tribe and Blood Degree		Tribe and Blood Degree
	Grandmother	Great Grandfather
	Tribe and Blood Degree	Tribe and Blood Degree
		Great Grandmother
		Tribe and Blood Degree