

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA**

PREAMBLE

We, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, in order to organize for the common welfare of ourselves and our posterity and to insure domestic tranquility; to conserve and develop our natural resources; to form business and other organizations; to enjoy certain rights of home rule; to provide education in schools of higher learning including: vocational, trade, high schools, and colleges for our people; do ordain and establish this Constitution according to the Act of Congress, dated June 18, 1934, known as the Indian Reorganization Act (48 Stat. 984).

ARTICLE I – TERRITORY

This Constitution shall apply to the territory within the present confines of the Omaha Reservation, and to any and all future additions of land acquired within or without said boundary lines by the Secretary of the Interior for the Tribe or by the Tribe, except as otherwise provided by law.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

(Entirely changed by Amendment I, effective July 9, 1954, and again changed in its entirety by Amendment II, effective October 28, 1966)

SECTION 1. The membership of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska shall consist of all living persons whose names appear on the official roll of the Tribe prepared pursuant to Section 1 of the Act of September 14, 1961 (74 Stat. 508).

SECTION 2. Any person possessing aboriginal Omaha blood of the degree of one-fourth (1/4) or more, and not enrolled with any other tribe of Indians, who is born after September 14, 1961, to a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, shall be enrolled as a member of the Tribe upon the filing by or on behalf of such person, with the Secretary of the Tribal Council, of a membership registration form prescribed by the Tribal Council. In determining the degree of aboriginal Omaha blood, the blood of any tribe other than Omaha shall be excluded.

SECTION 3. Any person who, being a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, becomes a member of any other tribe of Indians, shall automatically lose his or her membership in the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. Any person who loses membership in the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska shall not thereafter be entitled to membership in the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, except as may be authorized by an ordinance promulgated pursuant to Section 4 of this Article II.

SECTION 4. The Tribal Council shall have the power to promulgate ordinances governing future membership, including adoption and loss of membership. *(Amended in part by Amendment XII, August 11, 2006)*

ARTICLE III – GOVERNING BODY

SECTION 1. The governing body under this Constitution and Bylaws shall be known as the Tribal Council, and shall be composed of seven (7) members to be elected by the people.

SECTION 2. The Councilmen shall be elected by the people for a period of three (3) years at staggered intervals, and all Councilmen shall be eligible for reelection at the end of each term of office. The procedure of election shall be decided by the qualified voters in public assembly. At each election assembly a Temporary Election Chairman and Secretary shall be selected by the Tribal Council in power, under such rules and regulations as the Tribal Council may prescribe. *(Amended in part by Amendment XI, November 18, 2003)*

SECTION 3. The officers of the Tribal Council shall be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who shall be selected by the Tribal Council from its own membership at the first meeting. The