

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-36

OF THE

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: Native American Church site – T3092

WHEREAS: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 (c) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the tribal council has the authority to approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, executed by the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner on Indian Affairs, or any other qualified official or agency of government, providing that no reservation lands shall ever be leased for a period exceeding ten (10) years, sold or encumbered, except for government purposes; and,

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section (n) to encourage, foster the arts, crafts, traditions and culture of the Omaha Tribe; and,

WHEREAS: The Macy chapter of the Native American Church desires their own church and area to conduct spiritual ceremonies like a Native American Church services for hardship and celebration, a sweat lodge for purification and prayer ceremonies, as well as conducting church related business and activities in an area described as:

The North 475 ft. of the East 575 ft. of the NE ¼ NE1/4 NE ¼ in Section: 26,
Township: 25N, Range: 9E., 6th PM, Thurston county, Nebraska containing 6.27
acres more or less.

WHEREAS: Religious representation within the exterior boundaries of the Omaha reservation are evident throughout and all such representation is nonnative.

WHEREAS: It is imperative that all religious preference be represented to include the Native American Church and its followers to address the cultural need of inclusion and expression in the Omaha language through prayer and hymns.

WHEREAS: The following of the Native American Church is greater among the Omaha than all other religious centers on the Omaha reservation as evident during funerals, weddings, birthdays and the like; and

WHEREAS: The Native American Church provides that unique sense of belonging and fills the need to provide comfort, prayers of praise or celebration and in sickness that can only benefit in the overall wellbeing of the families who participate in the Native American Church; and,

WHEREAS: The Omaha people may participate and benefit from all that the Native American Church provides regarding the spiritual needs of its followers thereby requiring the need for a permanent structure; and,

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 24-55 is null and void and is hereby being replaced with resolution No. 25-36; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska grant a 99 year lease to the Macy chapter of the Native American Church for the benefit and use of the Omaha people in all capacities of celebration and hardship with an annual payment of \$1.00 payable to the Omaha Tribe Realty department.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 6 day of December, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 5 was present.


MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Leander Merrick	X		
Alan Harlan			Absent
Cheyenne Robinson	X		
Galen Aldrich, Sr.	X		
Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy			Absent

Submitted by:


 Cheyenne Robinson, M.B.A., Secretary
 Omaha Tribal Council

12/16/24
 Date

Attest:


 Jason Sheridan, Chairman
 Omaha Tribal Council

12-18-24
 Date

Approved:

 Nilah Solomon, Superintendent
 Bureau of Indian Affairs, Winnebago Agency

 Date

Pursuant to authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8, 230 DM 1, to the Great Plains Regional Director by 3 IAM 4 (Release No. 25-24), and to the Superintendents by Great Plains Region Addendum 3 IAM 4 (Release No. 0502).

Church Address

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Board Members

President, Doran Morris Jr
Vice President, Mark Merrick Jr
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Secretary, Andrea Cook

To the Council,

This letter is being sent with respect and sincere to you all on behalf of our local NAC chapter.

I would like to begin with concerns on why it is so difficult for the Community to have a new Church.

I'm sitting here typing and doing my best to understand as well as reasoning with the obstacles that the chapter has come across with these past 2 years that all pertain with a new building. I spoke in the past with the former Chairman Leander Merrick to our present Chairman Jason Sheridan and there has been a lot of changes that I only see in my opinion. With going on in this matter, the land site which was shown to the Vice Chairman and I back in 2022 from the Tribal Realty Tamara Parker was discussed in our local business meeting and still does to this day.

Land site located at Heritage Hills drive is the perfect place which the Committee agreed on as well.

The change the Committee came across with was made in one of the tribal stated meetings (April 2024) and was told to recommend the old college site instead of the site at Heritage Hills.

Please take note on this Council that there has been so much work put towards the original land site with the survey, land description, business meetings, and the architect who is willing to stay with our committee and get his part done.

With the work that has been done especially with the resolution and then with the final part is the contract which now everything has changed and left in "LIMBO" as I see it.

Now, the attention comes to the matter of the old NICC site located looking over the west side of town. However, in a recent discussion with realty it was stated that Carl T Curtis Health Center has interest on the old NICC site. This is frustrating, confusing and exhausting at times. The bottom line is I am writing this letter to you all and would like an answer.

Furthermore, you all know that everyone in the Community comes to our Church for help and there are Prayers to be made so all those seats' you gentlemen are sitting in is that each and every one of your families have staffs to take care of.

Please take this letter in full consideration.





Sincerely,
Andrea Cook

Secretary,
Native American Church of the Omaha Tribe

NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 26, T. 25 N., R. 9 E., 6th Prin. Mer., NE

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Legend

-  Leases
-  Township Lines
-  Section Lines
-  Land
-  Subd Lines
-  Minor Subd Lines



0 50 100 200 300 400 Feet

6/20/2023

