



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2022-RES-038

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”), the governing body of the Tribe, deems it essential under Article VI, § 2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, § 2.(I) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized to prepare and present an annual balanced budget of Tribal operations to the Tribal body and in the event the budget is approved by a majority of the registered voters present and voting at the annual meeting of the Tribe, to allocate the funds called for by said budget;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, § 2.(C) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to establish a basic departmental structure for the executive branch of the Tribal government with delegation of appropriate powers to such subdivisions and agencies;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, § 2.(B) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to establish procedures and ordinances for the conduct of all tribal government business operations, except elsewhere precluded in this constitution;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, § 2.(H) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized to approve or disapprove operating budgets of the Tribal agencies, subdivisions and departments

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VIX, § 4.(e) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council shall set a date and a time to present a balanced budget and discuss other tribal business;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure an effective and efficient process for the preparation, presentation and approval of the annual budget, the Tribal Council desires to implement a “Tribal Budget Review Process” as follows:

October:	Tribal Council Planning Meeting(s)
November:	Tribal Council Review & Approval

December-January: Budget Presentation to Tribal Body
Second Sunday, February: Tribal Body Review and Approval (Annual Meeting)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Budget Review Process timeline is subject to change should emergency arise that requires the Tribal Council to adjust the scheduled dates, in such instance, the Tribal government will continue operating under existing funding levels until such time as the annual budget is approved by the Tribal body;

WHEREAS, should the duly appointed Election Committee change the Tribal Election date, the Tribal Budget Review Process timeline will be adjusted accordingly to adhere to the new date;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to establish an *interim* Finance Committee to support the Tribal Council, by and through its assistance to the Tribal Finance Department and Comptroller, in the preparation of the annual budget for consideration by the Tribal body;

WHEREAS, the interim Finance Committee will be comprised of five (5) members of the Tribal community, appointed by the Tribal Council, with their current term ending at the time the annual budget is approved by the Tribal body for the corresponding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby adopts the Tribal Budget Review Process to be implemented commencing with the 2023 annual Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby establishes the interim Finance Committee to support the Tribal Council in the preparation of the annual budget for consideration by the Tribal body.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, § 2.A. of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 9, constituting a quorum, were present at a regular meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 20th day of July, 2022, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of **8** members, with **0** opposing, and with **0** not voting.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2022.



Brian Weeden, Chairperson
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council