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Cherokee Council House

Cherokee, North Carolina

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ORDINANCE NO. 32 (2015)

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council is the legislative branch of government for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, authorized by the Charter and Governing Document to pass budgets for the operation of the tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the budgets passed for the operation of tribal government includes budgets for the compensation of elected officials and elected members of tribal council as set forth in Chapter 117 of the Cherokee Code; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed in Chapter 117 of the Cherokee Code in order to bring stability for the interpretation of how and when Tribal Council may budget for increases to the compensation of elected members of the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Annual Council assembled where a quorum is present that the following amendments to Chapter 117 are amended as follows:

Sec. 117-15. - Tribal Council pay and retirement plan.

(a)

Tribal Council pay. Should the Tribal Council authorize an increase in pay for Tribal Council members during any budget approval process, then such Ppay increases for the Tribal Council members shall not exceed the amount appropriated in that fiscal year for Tribal employees and shall not be cumulative from past years. These pay increases shall not take effect until the next elected Tribal Council members are seated, per Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that the amendment shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Tribal Council.

Submitted by: Anita Lossiah, Yellowhill Council Representative