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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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ORDINANCE NO. 154 (2020)

WHEREAS, the tribe encourages public participation in government affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is the inherent right of the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to speak on matters of importance; and

WHEREAS, the code of ethics clearly states, tribal officials of the EBCI SHALL provide every enrolled member a time to be heard in a formal setting on a tribal issue; and

WHEREAS, enrolled members have been restricted regarding time and opportunity at the podium as dictated by old and antiquated tribal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council shall amend Cherokee Code 117-16 as follows in Exhibit A.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that no prior resolutions and ordinances are inconsistent and that this ordinance shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief or Vice-Chief.

Submitted by: Becky Walker, EBCI community member

EXHIBIT A

Cherokee Code

Chapter 17 – Tribal Government

Section 117-16 – Debate

~~(c) Persons in the audience who desire to address the council shall be required to gain recognition from the Tribal Chairman only through a request of their Council representative or by representation of a resolution or ordinance.~~

(c) Persons in the audience wishing to be recognized will gain recognition from the Tribal Chairman and shall be limited to five minutes of debate or discussion on each resolution, ordinance or matter under consideration by the council, unless they are presenting a resolution or ordinance.