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Tribal Operations

Honorable Robert Chicks, President Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road Bowler, WI 54416

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Dear President Chicks:

The overall Stockbridge-Munsee Chapter 49 – Election Ordinance, and Resolution No. 049-12, adopted August 21, 2012 by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council appears to be satisfactory with the exception of Section 49.12 (B)(3), which cites 29.12(A). Although unofficial, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community online service does not indicate the existence of a Chapter 29. Also, there appears to be typographical errors and unclear statements you may want to consider changing.

- o Page 3: last sentence of Section 49.6 (B). "The Tribal Council secretary will also have a sample ballots prepared," Removing either the (a) or the (s) will indicate the intention to have one or multiple sample ballots.
- o Page 4: Section 49.8 (H). Consider using An vs. A at the beginning of this sentence.
- o Page 7: Section 49.11.7 (A). Unclear statement.
- Page 8: Section 49.12 (4). "The Election Board shall issue a written decision within five (5) working days." May want to clarify when the five working days begins. Such as from the date of a hearing or some other date.
- o Page 8: Section 49.12B (3). There appears to be an incorrect citation (29.12(A)).
- o Page 8: Section 49.12.5 (B). Last sentence, "The candidate filing the appeal shall also serve timely notice of the appeal on the Election Board judge and on all other affected candidates on the ballot in accordance with tribal rules of procedure." Is the candidate filing the appeal "on" or "to" the Election Board judge?

Approval of this ordinance does not include Section 49.12(B)(3) until the citation has been corrected. Immediate Approval is provided for the remainder of the Chapter 49 – Tribal Law Election Ordinance, as long as you find the above referenced areas acceptable. Approval is granted pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(f) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and pursuant to authority delegated to me in 10 BIAM 3.1 and Addendum to 10 BIA 3.1 dated March 17, 1994.

By copy of this letter, we are providing a copy of the Ordinance and Resolution to the Regional Director of the Midwest Regional Office, who may, within 90 days from the date of enactment, rescind the resolution for any cause, by notifying you of such action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marion K. Duffy, Tribal Operations, at 715-682-4527.

Sincerely

Superintendent

Enclosure

Cc: Regional Director, Midwest Regional Office – Attn: Tribal Operations File