**Tribal Council Resolution**

**2017-53**

**TO AMEND THE TOBACCO ORDINANCE TO ADD DEFINITION TO APPENDIX A**

**WHEREAS,** the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is responsible for the health, safety, education and general welfare of all Tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** by virtue of its status as a Federally Recognized Tribe, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is authorized to regulate the sale, manufacturing and distribution of cigarettes and other tobacco products; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council approved its current Tobacco Ordinance through TCR 2004-40 (July 9, 2004) that set forth a comprehensive tobacco ordinance regulating the sale, distribution and manufacturing of cigarettes and other tobacco products and levy a Tribal Administrative surcharge upon their distribution on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires to amend its Tobacco Ordinance to add the definition of a "Tribally Licensed Retailer" to Appendix A of the Ordinance, that will permit Tribally licensed wholesalers and distributors to distribute additional tobacco products that were not heretofore permitted;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby approves the Amendment to the Tobacco Ordinance, attached hereto, to add the definition of a "Tribally Licensed Retailer" to Appendix A.

**THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Eric Thompson Beverly Cook Michael Conners

Tribal Chief Tribal Chief Tribal Chief

**CERTIFICATION:** This is to certify that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein duly passed the above resolution.

August 17, 2017

Betty Roundpoint, Tribal Clerk Date

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FORM**

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe - Compliance Department**

**Proposed By:** ACSA/\_Compliance Department **Date:** July 13, 2017

(Please Print)

**Signature of individual or group representative:** As Per ACSA proposal

**(1) Article to be amended:**

TCR 2004-40 SRMT Tobacco Ordinance

**(2) Presently Reads:**

There is no current definition in appendix A

**(3) Proposed change to read (Exact wording of proposed Article):**

Adding a definition in Appendix A of **"Tribally Licensed Retailer"** shall mean: "Any retailer that is licensed by the SRMT And/or any Business that is approved by the SRMT (Tribal Council)."

**4) Reason for Suggesting Change**

ACSA recommendations based upon a Mohawk retailers price parity agreement within Akwesasne Mohawk Tobacco Retailers.

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