

Gu Achi District OF THE Tohono O'odham Nation



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GU ACHI DISTRICT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 1301-338

Approving Amendments to Resolution #1206-221 for the Dance Rules for the Gu Achi District Lands

WHEREAS, the Gu Achi District Council established a quorum at a scheduled special meeting in the Community of Santa Rosa on June 16, 2012 to address issues regarding the district; and

WHEREAS, the District Council did pass the Gu Achi District Dance Ordinance (#0391-35); and

WHEREAS, the Gu Achi District Council also approved resolutions amending the Dance Rules at scheduled public hearings; and

WHEREAS, on Resolution #0110-130, its states that *“This resolution will be revisited for amendments at any time when needed”*; and

WHEREAS, *“Dance”* is defined as *“a community celebration where chicken scratch/waila music, as well as various genres of amplified music that is played for purposes of dance/entertainment”*; and

WHEREAS, *“Church”* is defined as *“a building or structure for public Christian worship or a place where religious services take place with local religious groups/organizations/divisions who follow or recognize the same Christian beliefs or apostolic authority.”*; and

WHEREAS, *“Feast”* is defined as *“a periodical celebration or time of celebration, usually of a religious nature, commemorating an event, person (patron saint)”*; and

WHEREAS, the Gu Achi District’s Policy and Procedure Committee did receive numerous comments and recommendations regarding the District’s Dance Rules and have reviewed the input and have recommended additional amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gu Achi District Council does hereby approve the amendments to resolution #1206-221 for the Dance Rules for the Gu Achi District Lands with the following as listed.

1. All dances must be approved at a community meeting 30 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR to the date of the Dance. For any given reason a dance is rescheduled, the 30 day notice still applies and must be approved at a community meeting.
2. All Church feast day dances shall end at 1:00 AM, one (1) dance per year, per community.
 - a. The Gu Achi District Administration shall provide portable lights for the event.
3. All other dances and celebrations with music shall end at 10:00 PM.
4. Only one (1) dance shall be allowed per day (24 hours) within the Gu Achi District lands.
5. A scheduled dance shall automatically be canceled if there is a wake scheduled on the day of the dance in that same community.

6. Sponsors shall provide additional security. (*i.e. Security Personnel*)
7. Only the Tohono O'odham Nation Saint Francis Feast Day held on October 4th, sponsored by the Tohono O'odham Saint Francis Feast Day Committee shall be approved as an all night dance within the Gu Achi District.
8. The Dance Rules shall not apply to wakes, funerals and death anniversaries.
9. All entities (*i.e. Schools, Businesses and Organizations*) shall seek approval for their dances within their respective communities.
10. There will be no dance or public activity of any kind on the night before an election (excluding wake and funerals)
11. This resolution shall be revisited for amendments at any time when needed.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the sponsor who signs the Dance Rules agreement on behalf of the organization and violates this dance rules is liable of one (1) of two (2) sections of the Criminal Code of the Tohono O'odham Nation.


- a. Public Place, Church, Community Place
Chapter 3, Section 3.4
Subsection C – CRIMINAL TRESPASSING
- b. Residential
Chapter 3, Section 3.5 – DISTURBING THE PEACE

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution supersedes any previous dance resolutions.


CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was enacted by the Gu Achi District Council on the 19th, day of January 2013 with a vote count of 13, For; 0, Against, and 1, Absent.

GU ACHI DISTRICT COUNCIL


Willard Anita, Chairman

ATTEST:


Helene Laborin, Secretary



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DANCE REQUEST AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____ (print name) a member/resident of _____

Community will be sponsoring a dance on _____ and to be held at _____
(DATE)

_____. The Purpose of the dance is _____.
(PLACE/FACILITY) (REASON)

Check off specified time dance will end: ___ 10:00 PM (Other) ___ 1:00AM (Church Feast)

I will be held responsible for any violations of the dance rules and Tohono O'odham Nation laws.

My contact number at all times: _____

I will instruct the band, DeeJay or performer to end their services at the specified time as indicated above.

X _____ (Print Name)

X _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

ADDITIONAL SECURITY:

The following individuals have agreed to serve as additional Security for the dance/event mentioned above. They will refrain from any alcohol or any illegal substances prior and during the dance. They will commit their services until all individuals have cleared the dance area. Individuals must be 18 years of age and over.

(Acknowledgement of agreement)

1. _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signature)

2. _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signature)

3. _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signature)

4. _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signature)

COMMUNITY APPROVAL

At a meeting held on _____, in the Community of _____, a majority vote passed recommending approval for the dance mentioned above. The Community Representatives' signature certifies that the vote count was ___ FOR, ___ AGAINST, ___ NOT VOTING. (Sign-in meeting sheet attached for verification)

X _____ Community Representative's signature

X _____ District Chairperson's signature acknowledgement