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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: DEC 08 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 460 (2022) DEC 08 2022

*An ordinance amending C.C. § 15-10 to provide that money collected by the Cherokee Court from bond forfeitures will be placed in the Court's budget to fund ongoing behavioral health and peer support services.*

WHEREAS, the ongoing opioid epidemic has led to an increase in crime and the number of individuals passing through the Cherokee Justice System; and

WHEREAS, research shows that providing services during incarceration and upon reentry saves lives and increases the likelihood that inmates with Substance Use Disorder engage in treatment and recovery services upon release; and; and

WHEREAS, more funding is necessary to expand the behavioral health services available to inmates who are incarcerated at the Cherokee Detention Center; and

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WHEREAS, community-based peer support services are beginning to be offered for justice-involved individuals through a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant, which will run out in 2023; and

WHEREAS, having a sustained funding source will allow justice stakeholders to better plan and implement long-term strategies aimed at increasing interventions to inmates during this critical period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, C.C. § 15-10, governing court fines, fees and forfeitures, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 15-10. Fines, fees and forfeitures.**

(a) Unless otherwise specified, all fines and fees collected by the Cherokee Court shall be remitted to the general fund of the Tribe.

(b) All monies collected by the Cherokee Court from bond forfeitures shall be ~~sent back to the General Fund of the Tribe~~ placed in the Court's budget in a designated line item to fund behavioral health supports for individuals who are or may become involved with the Justice System. If there is money left in this line item at the end of the fiscal year, the money shall stay within the Court's budget and not returned to the general fund.

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are rescinded, and that this ordinance shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by members of the Justice Committee: Kirk Saunooke, Monty Beck, Sunshine Parker, Carla Nadeau, Michael McConnell, Hannah Smith, Bonnie Claxton, Cody White, Shelli Buckner*

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 460 dated DECEMBER 8, 2022 was:

PASSED ( X )

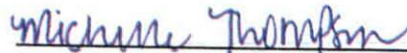
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and ratified in open Council on JANUARY 12, 2023 by 100 voting for the act  
and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Teresa McCoy	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
TW Saunooke	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Andrew Oocumma	X			
Albert Rose	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



ENGLISH CLERK



PRINCIPAL CHIEF

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DATE: 1/25/23

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

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and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and  
has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ( )

OMITTED ( )