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JUL 09 2020

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
JUL 09 2020**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 212 (2020)

WHEREAS, drug-related criminal activity on trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a major contributor to a wide range of crime in Cherokee, exposes residents to serious health and safety risks, and imposes significant economic hardships on the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, and prescription drugs often leads to impaired behavior, violent behavior and criminal activity and presents a tangible risk and threat to Tribal members and their families; and

WHEREAS, many Cherokee residents feel that they are losing control of their streets and neighborhoods and are not safe in their own homes due to drug-related criminal activity occurring near them, most often at night; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe hereby resolves to take the steps expressed in this resolution to help fight drug-related criminal activity that continues to threaten members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and all law-abiding residents of Tribal trust land.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Tribal Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that:

- (1) Legislative counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, the Cherokee Indian Police Department, the Cherokee Department of Transportation, and others as the Tribal Council and Executive Committee may designate, will collaborate and submit to Tribal Council an ordinance to define what is a public road and what is a private road on Tribal trust lands, who may restrict access to and the use of those roads, and under what conditions such restrictions may be imposed.
- (2) the Police Commission and the Chief of Police of the Cherokee Indian Police Department will identify areas or neighborhoods on Tribal trust lands that are known by the Police Department to experience the greatest amount of drug-related criminal activity and will devise a plan for increasing law enforcement actions in those areas or neighborhoods.
- (3) the Police Commission and the Chief of Police of the Cherokee Indian Police Department, with assistance from the Office of the Attorney General, will

identify grants and other funding sources to which the CIPD may apply to obtain funding for the purchase and deployment of surveillance cameras that may be deployed in areas and neighborhoods experiencing greater than average drug-related criminal activity.

- (4) the Police Commission and the Chief of Police of the Cherokee Indian Police Department will identify and report to Tribal Council and Executive Committee concrete measures that the Tribe can take to improve recruitment of officers to the Police Department and to improve retention of current officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions described in this resolution shall be performed within 90 days of the date this resolution is ratified by the Principal Chief.

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

Submitted by the Office of the Attorney General

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 212 dated July 9, 2020 was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on July 9, 2020 by 76 voting for the act
and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle				X
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahneetah	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Chelsea Saunooke	X			
Albert Rose				X
Dike Sneed	X			
Tommye Saunooke	X			
	76	0	0	24



TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



ENGLISH CLERK



PRINCIPAL/CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ()

VETO UPHELD () VETO DENIED ()

DATE: 7/20/2020

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

PASSED ()

KILLED ()

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

INTERPRETED ()

OMITTED ()