

**Ordinance Number 6.500.** Amended by Resolution No. 99-169, dated June 10, 1999; Resolution No. 2001-0197, dated February 17, 2001; Resolution No. 2005-361, dated September 16, 2005, Resolution No. 2009-369, dated September 18, 2009.

Original Date: September 26, 1997  
Subject: Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission

## **SILETZ TRIBAL ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

### **Siletz Tribal Code § 6.500**

---

#### **§ 6.500      AUTHORITY**

The Siletz Tribal Council is empowered to exercise the legislative authority of the Siletz Tribe pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Siletz Constitution. Formation of a Tribal Athletic Commission is an exercise of the inherent sovereign authority of the Siletz Tribe. Individual sport activities may be affected by federal law and regulations.

#### **§ 6.501      PURPOSE**

The Siletz Tribe desires to form a Tribal Athletic Commission to promote and offer different types of sport activities at the Siletz Tribe's gaming center, known as Chinook Winds Casino Resort, and at other locations on tribal trust land. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a Tribal Athletic Commission to create rules and regulations for the conduct of each sporting activity, and to regulate each sporting activity that is authorized by the Tribal Council to be conducted.

#### **§ 6.502      DEFINITIONS**

(a) For purposes of this Ordinance, "sporting activity" is defined to include only those on-reservation-sporting events conducted primarily for commercial purposes and for the purpose of generating income to the Tribe, promoters, participants, and others.

(b) For purposes of this Ordinance, "Siletz lands" shall mean all reservation lands of the Siletz Tribe, and all lands held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the

---

Adopted 9/26/97, Reso. No. 97-314

Amended: 6/10/99;  
2/17/01; 9/16/05; 9/18/09.

**SILETZ TRIBAL ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**Siletz Tribal Code § 6.500**

---

Tribe or individual members of the Tribe.

**§ 6.503      ESTABLISHMENT OF SILETZ TRIBAL ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

(a) There is established a Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission (“Athletic Commission”), consisting of three members and a Tribal Council member. The Athletic Commission members shall serve for a term of three years, with staggered terms. The Commission members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Tribal Council, upon approval of the Tribal Council.

(b) One member of the Athletic Commission shall be a member of the Tribal Council. A second and third member of the Athletic Commission may be a non-tribal member with experience in the conduct and regulation of sporting activities. The members of the Commission shall appoint from their membership a Chairman, who shall serve for a period of one year. Upon the initial designation of Athletic Commission members, the Chairman of the Tribal Council shall designate one position as a one-year term, one position as a two-year term, and one position as a three year term. Thereafter, when the initial period of appointment expires, Commission members shall be appointed for a three-year term. After a Commission member term expires they may apply to be re-appointed.

**§ 6.504      BUDGET; STAFF**

It is expected that the Athletic Commission shall be self-supporting, either through the assessment of licensing fees or the assessment of other charges against on-reservation sporting activities regulated by the Athletic Commission. The Athletic Commission may hire staff as necessary and appropriate, and as the Athletic Commission’s budget permits. Any staff of the Athletic Commission shall be tribal employees, subject to the Tribe’s personnel policies.

**§ 6.505      COMMISSION QUALIFICATIONS; REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

The two non-Council positions on the Athletic Commission shall require experience and knowledge in the conduct and regulation of sporting activities. Commission members may be removed only for cause, or for commission of a crime or other activity which may affect the integrity and ability of an Athletic Commission member to honestly and fairly regulate on-reservation sporting activity. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty shall be considered conclusive grounds for removal of a commission member. Athletic Commission

**SILETZ TRIBAL ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**Siletz Tribal Code § 6.500**

---

members shall not be involved in the promotion of sporting activities on Siletz lands during their term of office. Commission members shall be removed by majority vote of the Tribal Council, after notice of the charges made and an opportunity to be heard.

**§ 6.506      AUTHORIZED SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

(a) Only those sporting activities expressly authorized by the Tribal Council, and regulated by the Athletic Commission, shall be conducted on Siletz lands. Any sporting activity conducted in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to criminal prosecution or civil forfeiture of sales and other revenues generated by such event.

(b) The Athletic Commission shall permit and shall regulate only those sporting activities specifically authorized by the Tribal Council, as permitted by applicable law. The following sporting activities are authorized by the Tribal Council:

- (1) Boxing, amateur and professional;
- (2) Wrestling, amateur and professional;
- (3) Mixed martial arts (MMA), amateur and professional.

(c) Before permitting an authorized sporting activity to take place on Siletz lands, the Athletic Commission shall draft rules and regulations covering all aspects of said sporting activity, including but not limited to promotion, health issues, public safety issues, and standards, *provided*, that the Commission may adopt by reference the rules and regulations applicable to such sporting activity of the State of Oregon, or of any other government. Such regulations shall be consistent with all applicable law and regulations. Such regulations and any amendments thereto, shall be subject to approval of the Tribal Council, and shall not be effective until seven (7) days after such approval.

**§ 6.507      REGULATION OF AUTHORIZED SPORTING ACTIVITES**

The Athletic Commission shall be responsible for regulation of any sporting activity, which occurs on Siletz lands to ensure that the conduct of such sporting activity comports with all Athletic Commission regulations and applicable laws. The Athletic Commission may delegate its authority to a tribal enterprise such as Chinook Winds Casino Resort, but shall retain

**SILETZ TRIBAL ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**Siletz Tribal Code § 6.500**

---

ultimate authority for the conduct of the sporting activity, *provided*, that the Athletic Commission may also by Agreement delegate its regulatory authority over a specific sporting activity to the Oregon State Athletic Commission or other appropriate governmental authority, subject to Tribal Council approval. Commission regulations shall include sanctions for violations of said regulations, and the Athletic Commission shall have authority to impose sanctions.

**§ 6.508**      **AMENDMENT**

This Ordinance shall only be amended by 2/3 vote of the Tribal Council.

---

Adopted 9/26/97, Reso. No. 97-314

Amended: 6/10/99;  
2/17/01; 9/16/05; 9/18/09.