

Introduction

The will of the Pueblo of Pojoaque is expressed only through its Tribal Council (collectively comprised of a General Council and a Regular Council). The General Council is the highest authority within the Pueblo. The General Council meets once every two years or at the call of the Governor and is composed of all enrolled members over the age of 18. All General Council members may vote on issues before the General Council. Every two years, on even-numbered years, the General Council elects the Tribal Officials. The Tribal Officials are the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Tribal Officials are responsible for the day-to-day operations and are the external representatives of the Pueblo. The General Council has given the Regular Council the authority to make decisions on its behalf; however, these decisions can be reconsidered by the General Council.

The Regular Council is responsible for passing resolutions, setting policy and making decisions between meetings of the General Council. The Regular Council currently meets every first and third Thursday of each month and any enrolled member over the age of 18 may attend. The Governor presides over all Tribal Council meetings.

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Law and Order Code is enacted pursuant to the inherent sovereign tribal powers expressly delegated to the Regular Council, which is authorized to promulgate and enforce law and ordinances providing for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice within the Pueblo's jurisdiction and on Pueblo lands; to administer and protect Pueblo lands and property; to exclude individuals not legally entitled to remain thereon; to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property; to engage in economic activities that will promote the health, peace, morals, education, and welfare of the Pueblo and its Members and their families; and to perform other routine governmental functions.

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Law and Order Code in its entirety was originally approved by the Tribal Council on or around March 1, 1983 and re-codified on December 19, 2013. The Code is a systematic collection of the Pueblo's laws arranged by subject matter. Subsequent to its original enactment, the Tribal Council has amended or changed various sections of the Code through the passage of Resolutions.

An updated version of the 2013 Law and Order Code is released each year. **This 2015 version of the Pueblo of Pojoaque Law and Order Code incorporates additions, amendments, and revisions of the Pueblo's laws as of March 25, 2015.** Individuals should consult the Law and Order Code Supplement concerning ordinances and Resolutions passed subsequent to that date.