

A new version of the Law and Order Code is released annually to incorporate Resolutions that are approved by Council in any given year. The current version of the Code incorporates Tribal Council Resolutions passed as of March 25, 2015. This Supplement contains sections of the Code that have been amended by Resolutions passed after March 25, 2015, but prior to the next annual update of the Law and Order Code.

Included below are sections of the Law and Order Code that have been added or amended in 2015. These sections repeal and replace their corresponding subparts (if any) in the Code. For instance, the version of Subpart G-10 (Start of a Civil Case) that is included in this Supplement supersedes the version of Subpart G-10 that is written into the 2015 version of the Law and Order Code. These amendments will be incorporated into the full version of the Law and Order Code during the next annual update.

G-10 Start of a Civil Case

(a) **Beginning a Lawsuit.** A party starts a civil lawsuit by filing a written Petition with the Tribal Court along with any filing fees. The Court may waive filing fees for good cause. Every Petition should contain:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner and the respondent;
2. A statement of the facts at issue;
3. A statement describing the rights or laws that the petitioner believes were violated (if known);
4. A statement of what the petitioner is asking the Court to order or decide, such as the approximate amount of money requested, return of property, a restraining order, or a child custody determination; and
5. The signature of the petitioner.

No special wording or format is required but petitioners are encouraged to use the Tribal Court's Petition form. The Court Clerk may help petitioners by supplying necessary forms for filing a Petition.

(b) **Summons.** When a Petition is filed, the Court Clerk will issue and sign a Summons and give it to Tribal Police to be served on the respondent. The Summons will give notice to the respondent that he or she is required to answer the Petition within a specified time and that failure to respond may result in a default judgment.