



HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC)
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1. Authority.

a. Article II of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution") defines the Requirements for Membership in the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") as follows:

Section 1. Requirements. The following persons shall be eligible for membership in the Ho-Chunk Nation, provided, that such persons are not enrolled members of any other Indian nation:

(a) All persons of Ho-Chunk blood whose names appear or are entitled to appear on the official census roll prepared pursuant to the Act of January 18, 1881 (21 Stat. 315), or the Wisconsin Winnebago Annuity Payroll for the year one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), or the Act of January 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 873), or the Act of July 1, 1912 (37 Stat. 187); or

(b) All descendants of persons listed in Section 1(a), provided, that such persons are at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood.

(c) Beginning the date this amendment is approved, the Ho-Chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska). [New section adopted by Amendment I on January 26, 2000 and approved by the Secretary on March 3, 2000.]

Section 2. Relinquishment of Membership and Re-enrollment.

Enrollment in any other Indian Nation shall constitute voluntary relinquishment of membership. Adult members may relinquish their membership or the membership of their minor children. Relinquishment of membership shall be done in writing. Any adult member who has voluntarily requested to be removed from the Membership Roll shall not be eligible for re-enrollment. Any minor whose membership has been relinquished by a parent shall be eligible for re-enrollment upon reaching the age of eighteen (18).

Section 3. Re-enrollment by General Council. Any person at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood who has relinquished membership under Section 2 of this Article may be re-enrolled into membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council, provided, that such individual is not an enrolled member of any other Indian Nation.

Section 4. Membership Roll. The Legislature shall maintain one official roll of all tribal members.

Section 5. Membership Code. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws not inconsistent with this Article to govern membership. Removal of any person who is not eligible for membership from the Membership Roll shall be done in accordance with the Membership Code. Removal of any person from the Membership Roll shall be determined by the Judiciary. The rule of law shall be applied based on the evidence and DNA evidence. All decisions of the Judiciary shall be final.

Section 6. Appeals. Any person who has been rejected for enrollment or who has been removed from the Membership Roll shall have the right to appeal to the Judiciary for a remedy in equity consistent with this Constitution.

b. Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes.

c. Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive Branch to be administered by such Departments.

d. Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution requires the Legislature to adopt a code governing Membership.

e. Article X, Section 1(a)(8) of the Constitution prohibits the Nation to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law.

2. **Purpose.** To establish within the Department of Heritage Preservation, an Office of Tribal Enrollment, to maintain one official roll of all Members and to provide procedures for determining which persons meet the requirements for Membership in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Code, these words have the following definitions and will be identified throughout this document by capitalization:

a. "Absent Member" means a Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who, for a period of at least one (1) year, has not cashed a per capita distribution check, whose per capita distribution check is returned undeliverable, or the Member has not completed an annual address verification form and whose absence is unexplained.

b. "Affected Member" means a Member who is subject to removal from the Membership Roll as an ineligible Member.

c. "Affiant" means a Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who signs an Affidavit in accordance with this Code.

d. "Affidavit" means a written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made, voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before a person having authority to administer such oath or affirmation, such as a Notary Public.

e. "Applicant" means an individual whose name will be added, if determined to be eligible, to the Ho-Chunk Nation Membership Roll.

f. "Application" means the Application for Membership.

g. "Attorney General" means the Attorney General for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

h. "Base Rolls" means the official census rolls prepared pursuant to the Act of January 18, 1881 (21 Stat. 315), or the Wisconsin Winnebago Annuity Payroll for the year one thousand nine

hundred and one (1901), or the Act of January 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 873), or the Act of July 1, 1912 (37 Stat. 187).

i. “Clear and Convincing Evidence” means evidence that tends to show, on its face, more likely than not, that fact which is trying to be proven.

j. “Confidential Information” means any information about a Tribal Member that is received and maintained by the Office of Tribal Enrollment for the purpose of enrollment. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to (1) any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date, and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, and (2) any other information that can be linked to an individual, such as educational, financial, and employment information.

k. “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk.

l. “Court” means the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

m. “Day” means a Day of twenty-four (24) hours.

n. “Discretionary Benefits” means any benefits, except for per capita payments and other benefits which are deemed mandatory as provided by the Charitable Request Act (4 HCC §8), provided by the Nation to Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation as a result of them being a Member of the Nation.

o. “Disenrollment” means an official action done pursuant to provisions of this Code and the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution which removes a Ho-Chunk Member from the Ho-Chunk rolls.

p. “District” means one of the five (5) Districts of the Ho-Chunk Nation established pursuant to Article V, Section 1(b) of the Constitution.

q. “DNA” is the acronym for deoxyribonucleic acid, which is that nucleic acid that carries the genetic information in the cell and is capable of self-replication and synthesis of ribonucleic acid “RNA.”

r. “Enrollment Rules and Regulation” means the internal governing procedures for the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Enrollment Rules and Regulations shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution, the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code, or any other laws of the Nation. If there is any inconsistency between the Enrollment Rules and Regulations and the Constitution; the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code; or other laws of the Nation, the Constitution; the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code; or other laws of the Nation shall supersede the Enrollment Rules and Regulations.

s. “Frivolous” means a groundless claim to remove an enrolled Tribal Member.

t. “Ho-Chunk Blood” means the quantum of Ho-Chunk Blood in a person’s lineage as it appears in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution and includes Members of the Winnebago Tribe

of Nebraska. If the Base Rolls provide no percentage of Ho-Chunk Blood, the Tribal Enrollment Officer will determine that the percentage of Ho-Chunk Blood is four-fourths (4/4), unless the Tribal Enrollment Officer determines by Clear and Convincing Evidence that the actual percentage is less than four-fourths (4/4).

u. “Indian Tribe” or “Tribe” means any Tribe, Band, Nation, Rancheria, Pueblo, Colony or Community, including any Alaskan Native entity, which is federally recognized as a sovereign political entity by the United States.

v. “Legally Incompetent” means a Member who due to physical or mental condition, as determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction, is incapable of understanding the consequences of his or her actions. The pendency of a State Court guardianship, conservatorship, or receivership will be good and sufficient evidence establishing Legal Incompetence, unless the Trial Court upon the circumstances of the case determines otherwise.

w. “Legal Guardian” means a person who is recognized by court order as having the legal authority to care for the personal and property interests of another person, called a ward. Guardians are typically used in three situations: guardianship for an incapacitated adult, guardianship for a minor, and guardianship for adults declared incompetent.

x. “Legal Parent” means a parent that has not had their parental rights terminated or does not have an active child protection order or family court order that diminishes parental responsibility. Parents who have legally adopted a Ho-Chunk member will be considered the legal parents. Guardians of a Ho-Chunk member under the age of 18 years will be considered the legal parent.

y. "Malicious" means a claim to remove an enrolled Tribal Member that is wrongful and done intentionally without just cause or excuse or as a result of ill will without a factual basis to support the claim.

z. “Member” means any person listed on the Membership Roll of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

aa. “Membership Roll” means a record of each and every duly enrolled Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, which includes legal names, identification number, and date of birth.

bb. "Non-Member" means any person whose name is not listed on the Official Membership Roll of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

cc. “Office” means the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

dd. “Relinquishment” means voluntary withdrawal of Membership in a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

ee. “Sponsor” means a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, stepparent, or any person who has maintained a relationship similar to a parent-child relationship, or a Social Worker, may

be a Sponsor of a person who is a minor, deceased, incompetent or otherwise lacks the capacity to file an Application or appeal.

ff. “Technical Correction” means a correction made by the Tribal Enrollment Officer to the Membership Roll that does not affect a Member’s eligibility for Membership.

gg. “Tribal Enrollment Officer” means that person who is the head of the Office of Tribal Enrollment delegated to administer the Membership Roll in accordance with the Constitution, this Code, and other applicable laws of the Nation.

4. Office of Tribal Enrollment. Within the Department of Heritage Preservation, there will be an Office of Tribal Enrollment ("Office") that will maintain the Membership Roll, including Enrollment and Disenrollment, and determine eligibility for Membership in accordance with the Constitution, this Code, and Enrollment Office Rules and Regulations.

- a. The Office will prepare and promulgate Enrollment Rules and Regulations consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Nation in furtherance of its statutory duty.
- b. The Office will adopt Policies and Procedures to fulfill its obligations under the Enrollment Code and the Constitution.
- c. The Office will maintain confidentiality of all Membership information consistent with this Code and other applicable laws of the Nation.
- d. The Tribal Enrollment Officer will make Technical Corrections.
- e. The Office will maintain updated Membership Role Information including but not limited to: addresses of adults and minors, name changes, and applicable custody or adoption records.

5. Application for Membership in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

- a. The burden of applying for Membership will be upon:

(1) The Applicant who is the person seeking to become a Member, or the Sponsor of the Applicant; and

(2) Including lab site collection fees, all fees are required to be paid by the Applicant or Sponsor of the Applicant as part of the Application.

b. The Applicant or Sponsor will request an Application for Membership from the Office of Tribal Enrollment. The Office of Tribal Enrollment will mail one envelope that: (i) acknowledges the receipt of the request, (ii) provides an Application for Membership Form with instructions, (iii) notifies the Applicant or Sponsor of the requirement for DNA testing, and (iv) provides a list of potential fines that the Applicant or Sponsor is subject to as provided in this Code.

- c. The Applicant or Sponsor will submit an Application Packet consisting of the following:

(1) A completed Application for Membership Form, as prescribed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

(2) The following additional documents or information:

(a) Certified copy of birth certificate;

(b) Legible copy of Social Security Card;

(c) Applicable Court Orders concerning (i.e., marriage, divorce, guardianship, legal custody, child placement, power of attorney, etc.): and

(d) Applicable adoption orders and information.

d. Upon finding that a submitted Application Packet is incomplete, a deficiency notice will be mailed to the Applicant or Sponsor via U.S. mail.

e. Verification of Applicant Identity and Eligibility. The Office of Tribal Enrollment shall develop process and procedures for the verification of Applicant Identity and Eligibility in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and this code. Initial Processing includes, but is not limited to:

Verification of Applicant Identity:

1. verification of submitted documents
2. verification of the Applicant's identity,
3. verification that the Applicant is not enrolled In another Tribe
4. verification that the Applicant has not relinquished from another Tribe.

Verification of other tribal membership includes:

1. Mailing Tribal Membership Verification Form (VeriForm) to other identified tribal affiliations listed on Application.
2. Request Certificates of Tribal Blood from other tribal affiliations listed on the application.
3. Request other tribal affiliation information as a result of research.

Proof of Parentage includes the following:

1. Notification of the DNA payment options.
2. Selection of DNA testing site
3. Notification of responsibility of DNA collection fees

DNA processing is complete upon receipt of DNA test results.

Genealogical Research includes:

1. Verify Ancestor is listed in the Wisconsin Winnebago Annuity Payroll or one of the US Census Rolls listed in the HCN Constitution.

2. Development of Family Tree
3. Blood quantum calculation.

f. DNA Testing. All DNA test results remain the property of the Ho-Chunk Nation and will be stored in accordance with Office of Tribal Enrollment Procedures. In the case of adoptions, a DNA test is not required.

g. Any person or Tribal Member who falsifies or knowingly submits false information on an Application may be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) imposed by the Tribal Court. Any Tribal Member abetting the preparation of false documents or conspiring to submit false information will be subject to the same One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) fine. In addition to the monetary fine, the Applicant's Application for Enrollment will be declared inactive for one (1) year.

h. Grounds for Denial of Application for Membership. Grounds for denial of an Application will include, but not be limited to:

- (1) failure to prove descendency from persons described in Article II, Section 1(a) of the Constitution, which is determined by DNA Test results; or
- (2) the Applicant is less than one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk Blood; or
- (3) the Applicant is a Member of another federally recognized Indian Tribe; or
- (4) the Applicant Relinquished Membership from another federally recognized Indian Tribe.

6. Enrollment of Adoptees:

- (a) The Office of Tribal Enrollment will prepare and promulgate policies and procedures for enrollment of Adoptees and maintaining sealed adoption records
 - (1) Sealed adoption records cannot be accessed by the adoptee, Sponsor, or any family member
- (b) Adoptees will be exempt from the publication of the Notice of Eligibility for Membership
- (c) Adoptees or sponsors of adoptees applying for Tribal Membership must demonstrate that the Adoptee is eligible for Tribal Enrollment
 - (1) DNA testing will not be required for Adoptees
 - (2) Voluntary DNA testing will be an accepted method of proving Membership Eligibility. Applicant or Sponsor will be responsible for any fees associated with voluntary DNA testing.

7. Determination on Eligibility.

a. The Tribal Enrollment Officer will review the Application file upon completion of processing in accordance with paragraph 6. c., above, and make an initial determination on eligibility. The Tribal Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins.

b. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent.

c. Approval of Membership. All rights, privileges and benefits of Membership will take effect after the sixty (60) Day notice period if no appeal is filed with the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

d. Applicants who do not meet the requirements of enrollment, but have proven ancestry and parentage, shall be determined to qualify as being a Descendant and will be granted a Certificate of Descendancy.

8. Appeals to Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

a. Any Member, Applicant, or Sponsor may appeal a determination made by the Office of Tribal Enrollment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary. Matters which may be appealed include determinations regarding Eligibility for Membership, or a Blood Quantum change that adversely affects the Member. Such appeal must be filed within sixty (60) days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership or notifies the Member, Applicant, or Sponsor of the decision by certified mail.

9. Voluntary Relinquishment.

a. Voluntary Relinquishment of Membership.

(1) A Member may voluntarily Relinquish Membership in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

(2) The Tribal Enrollment Officer will establish procedures for Voluntary Relinquishment in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution.

(3) A Member who seeks Voluntary Relinquishment of Membership will notify the Office of Tribal Enrollment in writing with a notarized signature.

(a) The Office of Tribal Enrollment shall develop a Relinquishment Form to be handed to any Member who wishes to Voluntarily Relinquish Membership. This Relinquishment Form shall outline the consequences of Relinquishing Membership and the process to voluntarily Relinquish Membership.

(b) Upon receiving a written notification that a Member wishes to Relinquish Membership, the Office of Tribal Enrollment shall send via certified

mail a copy of the Relinquishment Form to the Member who submitted the written notification to initiate the process of Relinquishing Membership.

(4) The Office of Tribal Enrollment will forward the Voluntary Relinquishment to the Trial Court for certification.

(5) Voluntary Relinquishment will become effective upon receipt of the Trial Court's certification by the Office of Tribal Enrollment, unless otherwise provided under the Code and will immediately terminate all rights, privileges, and benefits of Membership and the person's name will be removed from the Membership Roll.

b. Relinquishment of a minor's membership

(1) Any adult member parent, wishing to relinquish a minor's membership must petition the court.

(a) The child will be assigned a court appointed GAL for the purpose of representing the best interests of the child

(b) The documents to be filed will include:

(1) Letter requesting relinquishment

(2) Completed form

(3) Court orders related to child custody (if applicable)

(2) The Minor will be eligible for reenrollment at the age of 18, consistent with Section 2 of the Constitution.

(3) Voluntary Relinquishment will become effective upon receipt of the Trial Court's certification by the Office of Tribal Enrollment, unless otherwise provided under the Code and will immediately terminate all rights, privileges, and benefits of Membership and the person's name will be removed from the Membership Roll.

c. Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, of the Ho-Chunk Constitution, enrollment in any other Indian Nation will constitute Voluntary Relinquishment of Membership with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

d. Pursuant to Article II, Section 3, of the Ho-Chunk Constitution, a former Member who Voluntarily Relinquished Membership, as a result of becoming enrolled in another Indian Tribe may only be re-enrolled if that individual satisfies the following conditions:

(1) The individual has never been enrolled in any other Tribe;

(2) The individual is of at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk Blood; and

(3) The individual obtains a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council to be reenrolled as a Member.

10. Ineligible Tribal Member Removal.

a. Grounds for Removal.

(1) All removal proceedings shall be conducted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court and Supreme Court.

(2) Any adult, enrolled Ho-Chunk Member(s) may petition for the removal of another Member by filing in the Trial Court.

(3) Upon filing, the Trial Court shall hold a preliminary hearing within thirty (30) calendar days. This preliminary hearing is for the Court to determine if a prima facie case to support the removal of the Affected Member has been presented, in order to proceed with removal hearings. If the court finds that there is not a prima facie case with sufficient evidence to proceed with removal hearings, the case shall be dismissed. If the court finds that a prima facie case for removal does exist, the court shall proceed with a removal hearings.

(4) A Member may only be removed from the Membership rolls if there is clear and convincing evidence that the Member does not meet the eligibility requirements established in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.

(5) The Trial Court's final decision is subject to appeal under the Judicial Rules of Appellate Procedure.

b. Penalties for Unlawful Retaliation.

(1) If an Affected Member unlawfully retaliates or causes someone else to unlawfully retaliate against the Trial Court or the Member(s) who filed in the Court for removal, the affected member may be fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

c. Frivolous and/or Malicious Removal by Members. If the Trial Court finds that the removal initiated by Member(s) was Frivolous and/or Malicious, the Trial Court will award the Affected Member a remedy of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), to be equally assessed against the Member(s) who filed, for defamation and hardship created for the Affected Member. In addition to the Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) remedy, the Trial Court may order the Member(s) who filed to also pay any other fees associated with the removal hearing, incurred either by the Affected Member or the Nation, to include the cost of DNA analysis. The Court will include the Nation as an interested party to this lawsuit.

11. Procedures for the Missing Enrolled Ho-Chunk Members.

- a. Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department will conduct a missing person investigation. The following procedure will be utilized by the Office of Tribal Enrollment to develop and deliver a list for the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department to investigate:
 - 1. 120 days following the deadline for receipt of the Annual Address Verification, the Office of Tribal Enrollment will generate a list of people who have not returned their Address Verification form.
 - 2. The Office of Tribal Enrollment will publish the list in the Hocak Worak for 60 days .

3. The list of those who still have not contacted the Office of Tribal Enrollment within 60 days following initial publication in the Hocak Worak will be referred to the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department for investigation into their whereabouts

c. The Nation's Probate Code and Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, will address missing or deceased tribal member's asset distribution

12. Recovery of Membership Benefits. After the Disenrollment of a Member and upon a determination by the Trial Court that the Member was enrolled as a result of fraud, the Nation may recover any or all property and repayment of money gained from the Nation by the Member.

13. Effect on Existing Law. This Code repeals and replaces any existing law or regulations governing Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment and Membership and Ineligible Tribal Member Removal Procedures. All Applications, Voluntary Relinquishments, Ineligible Tribal Member Removals, and Requests to Conduct a missing person investigation submitted to the Office of Tribal Enrollment prior to January 1, 2008 will be controlled by the law as it existed prior to the passage of Resolution 10-16-07 - L.

14. Amendments. Pursuant to the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC §11), this Ordinance may be amended by the action of the Legislature, in a meeting at which quorum is present, but only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

15. Severability. Except for paragraph 19, if any provision of this Code is determined by the Judiciary to be contrary to the Constitution, the invalid provision will be severed from this Code and the remaining provisions will be given full force and effect.

16. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Code will be deemed to waive the sovereign immunity of the Ho-Chunk Nation or any of its enterprises, officers, agents, or employees.

Legislative History:

11/28/95	Tribal Enrollment and Membership Act of 1995 enacted by Legislative Resolution 11/28/95B.
03/03/00	BIA approves Amendment Number 1 to the Constitution by adding paragraph (c) to Section 1 of Article II.
12/02/04	Committee on Tribal Enrollment submits an amended Tribal Enrollment and Membership Act for consideration by the Legislature.
01/19/05	Legislature makes motion to place draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Act (2 HCC § 7) out for 45-Day Public Review.
02/16/05	Draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Act (2 HCC § 7) sent out for 45-Day Public Review.
04/20/05	Draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code is reviewed and edited by the Committee on Tribal Enrollment.
04/23/05	45-Day Public Review period ends.
08/12/05	Administration Committee recommends to the full Legislature for the Draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code be placed out for 45-Day Public Review. The Committee requested that footnotes be made to reflect changes made to the original Enrollment Code throughout the collaborative amending process.

12/31/05	45-Day Public Review period ends.
02/02/06	45-Day Public Review comments provided to Committee on Tribal Enrollment for review and amendment of final draft.
02/10/06	Administration Committee provided a copy of latest draft for information and review.
03/21/06	Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code submitted to the Legislature. Legislature tabled until next meeting for further review by the Committee on Tribal Enrollment and the Office of Tribal Enrollment.
03/30/06	Committee and Office meet to review draft Code.
04/03/06	Committee and Office meet for final review of draft Code. Draft Code submitted to Attorney General in accordance with paragraph 32c, 2 HCC § 11 (Legislative Organization Act).
07/25/06	Attorney General replied and had no objections.
08/10/06	Legislature placed Final Draft out for public hearings at District meetings.
11/21/06	Legislature makes motion to table Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code until after 1/1/07 for further public comment and review by Tribal Members and to place the Code out for 45- Day Public Review.
12/08/06	Legislature makes a motion for an updated opinion on Amnesty Challenge Resolution from Attorney General. Legislature makes a motion to have a Public Hearing on the Tribal Enrollment Membership Code in conjunction with the Enrollment Conference in February 2007.
12/22/06	Draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code (2HCC§7) placed out for 45-Day Public Review.
01/04/07	Administration Committee requests language written to include Tribal Members that have been missing for years and how to handle those funds.
01/25/07	Enrollment Committee, Enrollment Office and Legislature review Draft Code.
02/05/07	45-Day Public Review period ends.
02/08/07	Legislature, Members of the Enrollment Committee, and Enrollment Office held Public Hearing at Ho-Chunk Casino to review Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code.
02/16/07	Administration Committee was provided a copy of the latest draft for information and review following the Public Hearing. Administration Committee recommends to the full Legislature for the Draft Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code be placed out for 45-Day Public Review.
02/20/07	Legislature makes a Motion to hold a second Public Hearing on Saturday, May, 5, 2007 at Ho-Chunk Casino.
03/06/07	Legislature makes a Motion to approve \$5,730.00 from Legislative Budget to hold May 5,2007 Public Hearing.
03/16/07	Administration Committee Motion to approve moving forward on the updated Membership Code to the full Legislature so they can be apprised of new developments. Public Hearing Newspaper ad announcements appear in the <i>Hocak Worak</i> on 3/28/07, 4/11/07, 4/25/07 and a Special Edition of the draft Membership code runs on April 16, 2007.
04/10/07	Administration Committee Motions to refer the Memorandum on the update of the Membership Code to the next Legislative Meeting for clarification.
04/12/07	Public Review and Comment period ends.
04/17/07	Legislative discussion held regarding the Enrollment Code.
05/05/07	Legislature, Members of the Enrollment Committee, and Enrollment Office held Public Hearing at Ho-Chunk Casino to review Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code.
05/22/07	Legislative Motion made to continue receiving and reviewing comments about the Code and hold a Legislative Off-Site and place the Code out for forty-five day public comment period.
06/23/07	Meeting held between Legislature and Traditional Court to discuss Enrollment issues.
08/16/07	Enrollment Committee, personnel from the Enrollment Office, personnel from Legislature, and personnel from the Department of Justice review and incorporate suggested technical corrections from Legislative Counsel Office.
09/04/07	Legislature motions for a review of public comments, Legislative Counsel to provide a version of the Legislation that includes draft language to provide procedures for anonymous challenges, and to enact the proposed Amendments to the Ordinance after the review of the public comments.
09/24/07	Legislature holds informal public meeting to review comments on code and version of code containing anonymous challenge provisions drafted to conform to Attorney General Opinion.
09/24/07	Tribal Enrollment Committee motions for Legislature to pass Code with anonymous challenge provisions and other changes to Code.

10/16/07	Amendments to Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code enacted by Resolution 10-16-07 -L.
10/16/07	Resolution 10 – 16 – 07 – L refers issue of anonymous challenge provisions to the General Council for further clarification on the policy that the General Council wants within the requirements of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.
02/17/09	Resolution 2-17-09 technical correction to Section 5, subparagraph a. (3) removing reference to <i>Open Meetings Act</i> (2 HCC § 2) which no longer contains procedures for posting vacancies on Committees and replacing with reference to <i>Legislative Organization Act</i> (2 HCC § 11) which contains procedures for posting vacancies on Committees.
03/22/16	The Legislature places the Enrollment and Membership Code out for 45 day public comment, by Resolution 3/22/16J. The proposed amendments incorporate changes to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding the enrollment removal process that were adopted by General Council Resolution 09/28/2013-6 which were subsequently approved by Secretarial Election.
09/20/16	The Legislature adopts amendments to the Enrollment and Membership Code, by Resolution 09/20/16G.
04/04/17	The Legislature places the Enrollment and Membership Code out for 45 day public comment, by Resolution 4/4/17H. The proposed amendments concerning the Committee on Tribal Enrollment, verification of applicant's identity and eligibility, enrollment of adoptees and relinquishment of a minor's membership.
06/05/17	The Legislature places the Enrollment and Membership Code out for public comment, by Resolution 6/5/17L. Extend the 45 day public comment to provide members additional time to review and submit comments on the proposed amendments.
06/20/17	Amendments to Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code enacted by Resolution 06-20-17X.