

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIVE VILLAGE OF CHIGNIK LAGOON
amended 2020-01-09**

We, the Alaska Natives of Chignik Lagoon, Alaska, citizens of the United States and descendants of the original inhabitants of this land, having common bonds of ancestry, culture, and community identity, in order to implement our inherent right of self-government as an Alaska Native people and to further our common political, social, and economic progress, do ordain and establish this constitution. This constitution supersedes any and all previously dated constitutions.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This community shall be called the Native Village of Chignik Lagoon.

ARTICLE II. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Section 1. Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the Native Village of Chignik Lagoon consists of all Indian Country of the Village, including but no limited to all territory within the inhabited limits of the Village; all lands acquired by the Village; all lands selected by the Village pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; all Native allotments held by the United States in trust for the benefit of Village members; all lands of Village members which are restricted because of their owners' status as Alaska Native; and to all areas customarily and traditionally used by tribal members for hunting, fishing, gathering and other subsistence activities, to the full extent permitted by federal and tribal law.

Section 2. Geographic Boundary for Residency. For purposes of determining residency and domicile, the Chignik Lagoon Village includes all lands within the village townsite and the Lake and Peninsula Borough to include all Chignik Lagoon Native Corporation lands.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Base membership. All persons listed on the Native Base Roll of 1964 and in 1989 are members of Native Village of Chignik Lagoon. Any person whose name does not appear on the Base Roll and who meets the eligibility of Article III, Section 2 of this

Constitution can apply for membership under procedures established by the village council.

Section 2. New members.

- (a) Children. All children born to members residing in the Village and all children biologically of Alaska Native descent who are adopted by members residing in the village shall be admitted to membership upon application.
- (b) New residents. Any person of Alaska Native descent who lives in the village for at least 2 years and intends to remain in the village shall be admitted to the membership upon application.
- (c) Adopted members. Any person of Alaska Native descent not otherwise eligible for membership, but with familial or other significant ties to the Village may be admitted to membership at the discretion of the Village Council.

Section 3. Dual membership prohibited.

No person may be a member of the Native Village of Chignik Lagoon, who is also an enrolled member of another federally recognized Alaska Native Village or American Indian tribe.

Section 4. Loss of membership.

Membership may be voluntarily relinquished by written notice from a member to the councils. The council may revoke membership involuntarily for just cause upon due process of the law.

Section 5. Honorary members.

Persons not eligible for membership may be designated honorary members by the village council. Honorary members may not hold elective office, do not have the right to vote, and do not become eligible for tribal benefits by reason of their honorary membership.

Section 6. Regulation of membership.

The Village Council has the power to enact ordinances and resolutions, not inconsistent with this Constitution, prescribing rules and regulations governing membership, including application and appeal procedures, loss of membership, adoption of members, and recognition of persons as members for community purposes.

Section 7. Voting Non-Members

The Village Council has the authority to designate residents of the Village as Voting Non-Members. Voting Non-Members are given the same voting rights as any other tribal member of the Chignik Lagoon Village. Voting Non-Members may not hold office on the Council. A Voting Non-Member is defined as a resident who is 18 years old or older, resides in the Village for one (1) full calendar year and at least six (6) months a year thereafter, is tied to the community by land/dwelling ownership, and is actively involved in the community. If a person meets all of the requirements listed in this subsection, the Council may, by a majority vote designate that person a Voting Non-Member. The status as a Voting Non-Member may be revoked by a majority vote of the Council at any time.

ARTICLE IV. VILLAGE COUNCIL

Section 1. Name.

The governing body of the Native Village of Chignik Lagoon shall be the Chignik Lagoon Village Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

Section 2. Composition and Actions.

The council shall consist of five members, comprised of the four Principal Officers, one member-at-large, and two Alternates. All five council members present at any meeting may vote on all matters brought before the Council at such meeting. In the event that a Council Member is not present at a Council Meeting, the Council members present may select one of the Alternates to replace any absent Council member for such meeting, and such selected Alternate may vote on matters brought before the Council at that meeting. Actions by the Council must be approved by at least three affirmative votes to be binding.