

Charter of The Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village

ARTICLE I INCORPORATION; FORM OF GOVERNMENT; POWERS AND BOUNDARIES

Section One. Incorporation.

The unincorporated area of Quil Ceda on the Tulalip Indian Reservation, within the geographic limits now established herein or that may hereafter be established in the manner provided by law, shall be and is hereby declared pursuant to Tulalip Ordinance No. 111 to be the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village, a municipal body politic and corporate, in perpetuity, of the Tulalip Tribes under the name of the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village; hereinafter “the Village”.

Section Two. Form of Government.

The municipal government provided by this charter shall be known as the council-manager form of government. Pursuant to the provisions of and subject only to the limitations imposed by the constitution and laws of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington and by this charter, all powers of the Village shall be vested in Village council, herein referred to as council, which shall enact local legislation, approve budgets, determine policies, and appoint the Village manager and such other officers deemed necessary and proper for the orderly government and administration of the affairs of the Village, as prescribed by the constitution, applicable laws, and ordinances hereafter adopted by the Village. All powers of the Village shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this charter or, if the manner is not so prescribed, then in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance. The Village shall be a political subdivision of the Tulalip Tribes as that term is defined by federal law and shall be entitled to all the powers and benefits of that designation.

Section Three. Powers of Village.

The Village shall have all general and specific powers granted to municipal and quasi municipal corporations by the various states of the United States and the laws of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington and by its Charter, including but not limited to the

taxing and police powers, the powers of annexation and eminent domain, the power to protect the public safety, health and welfare of all persons within the Village, and the power to contract together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers herein granted. In addition, the Village shall have all the powers and privileges of a political subdivision of an Indian tribal government.

Section Four. Intergovernmental relations.

The Village may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions or civil divisions or agencies thereof, or the United States or any agency thereof, or with any private entity or agency.

Section Five. Boundaries.

The boundaries of the Village shall be as established in **Exhibit A** to the Charter, being the boundaries established at the time this charter takes effect, or such boundaries as may be established to increase or decrease the territory within the Village thereafter in the manner authorized by law.

Section Six. Debts, Immunity from Suit.

The Village is an agency, instrumentality, political subdivision and arm of the Tulalip Tribes and shall possess the same immunity from suit as is possessed by the Tulalip Tribes; provided that this immunity may be waived only by duly adopted written resolution of the Village Council; and further provided that the immunity shall not be available to the Village in any suit brought by the Board of Directors of the Tulalip Tribes; and further provided that the debts and liabilities of the Village shall not be the debts of the Tulalip Tribes.

Section Seven. Suit

The Village shall have the power to bring suit in its own name and, where approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, in the name of the Tulalip Tribes, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section Eight. Purposes.

The purposes of this incorporation shall be as follows: To provide responsible local government to the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village consistent with the

needs of the area of development within its borders as it now exists or shall in the future be increased within the boundaries of the Tulalip Indian Reservation and to provide the persons and enterprises located within the Village and the people of the Tulalip Indian Reservation with the opportunity to organize their human and natural resources to provide for their economic security and to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Village and the Reservation.