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Approving the Second Amendment to Ordinance #105 Banning Plastic Bags Issued by Retailers for Patrons for Purchased Goods on the Blackfeet Reservation; and, Updating and Codifying Ordinance #105 as the Blackfeet Solid Waste Code, Chapter 21 in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code

No. 293-2023

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Nation pursuant to Section 16 of Act of June 18, 1934 and Amendments thereof, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, and resources education and resources of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Blackfeet Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1(k), the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is empowered to promulgate ordinances for the purposes of safeguarding the peace and safety of residents of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council approved the "Blackfeet Solid Waste Ordinance #105" pursuant to Resolution No. 414-2009 on August 6, 2009; and the first amendment to Ordinance #105 pursuant to Resolution No. 186-2012 on May 10, 2012 regarding waste from oil and gas exploration and production, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has determined that there is a need to ban plastic bags on the Blackfeet Reservation based upon such waste becoming overwhelming to the reservation, to which the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council approved the ban by retailers on the Blackfeet Reservation from issuing plastic bags to their patrons on September 26, 2022, with a notice period of sixty (60) days, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council further discussed the need to update the the junk vehicle ordinance within the Blackfeet Solid Waste Ordinance to provide for uniformity in other penalties through and administrative process, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council was advised by the Legal Department and the Director of the Blackfeet Environmental Office of the need to remove the layer of administrative authority to the Solid Waste Committee, which has not been functional for many years; to provide for a violation of the plastic bag violation, and to codify the Blackfeet Solid Waste Ordinance #105 in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code during a special session on October 19, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council further discussed the need to provide a budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Blackfeet Environmental Office to produce reusable bags to be issued to the retailers to promote use by patrons, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Legal Department met with the Blackfeet Environmental Office to review the new Solid Waste Code draft in December of 2022, to which the update is ready for approval, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council desires to approve all the amendments to Ordinance #105, discussed at the Special Sessions-September 26, 2022 and October 19, 2022, and from further discussions with the Blackfeet Environmental Office and the Blackfeet Legal Department to be codified in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code at Chapter 21, as the Blackfeet Solid Waste Code, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby approves the final version of the Blackfeet Solid Waste Code, (Second Amendment to Ordinance #105) to be now entitled as “***Blackfeet Solid Waste Code (2023)***” attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference, to be codified at Chapter 21 of the Blackfeet Law and Order Code.
2. All previous Resolutions and Ordinances are hereby repealed and replaced by the Blackfeet Solid Waste Code as adopted by this Resolution.
3. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby bans the issuance of plastic bags by retailers to their patrons used for purchased goods from such retailers on the Blackfeet Reservation (with the exception of bags utilized for carrying produce), to which such ban shall be listed as violation in the Blackfeet Solid Waste Code.
4. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby provides a grace period of sixty (60) days from the date this Resolution is officially published in local media, to allow all retailers on the Blackfeet Reservation to come into compliance by eliminating plastic bags used for the issuance to patrons of the retailers. The end date of the grace period shall be published in the local media.