

Chapter 26. Burial Program

15.2601 PURPOSE

That the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) shall have a Burial Program for Tribal Citizens to provide financial assistance toward funeral, cremation, and burial expenses following the death of a Tribal Citizen and repeals and replaces WOS 2006-017 and any and all previous amendments.

(Source: WOS 2008-003, February 28, 2008, Section I)

15.2602 ELIGIBILITY

A family member, legal guardian, or other person who has taken on the responsibility of paying for the funeral and burial cost of a deceased Tribal Citizen, may request Burial Program financial assistance. To be eligible, the deceased must be a Citizen with LTBB at time of death, or less than one year of age and eligible for citizenship with Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

(Source: WOS 2008-003, February 28, 2008, Section II)

15.2603 IMPLEMENTATION

A. LTBB shall maintain a separate Burial Program Account administered by the Executive Branch. Funds for the Burial Program will be appropriated annually in the budget process.

B. Burial funds are only provided through direct payment, or reimbursement with receipts, as a result of funeral and burial costs. Therefore, this assistance is only available with proof of death and submission of receipts. The receipts will be paid in the order received or according to the preferences indicated by the person handling the affairs of the deceased.

(Source: WOS-2021-01 for Section 15.2601, Subsection A and B, February 22, 2021, Section III)

C. No direct payment or reimbursement shall be made prior to the death of a Tribal Citizen.

(Source: WOS 2008-003, February 28, 2008, Section III)

15.2604 IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The Executive Branch of Government shall adopt regulations to implement this Statute. Any previous regulations in place at the time of the enactment of this Statute shall remain in effect to the extent that they are consistent with this Statute, and until such further Regulations are approved by Tribal Council. The Executive Branch of Government shall adopt regulations to implement this Statute. Any previous regulations in place at the time of the enactment of this Statute shall remain in effect to the extent that they are consistent with this Statute, and until such further Regulations are approved by Tribal Council.

(Source: WOS 2008-003, February 28, 2008, Section IV)

15.2605 SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event that any section, subsection, or phrase of this Statute is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to violate the Constitution or laws of the LTBB, such part shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from this Statute, the entirety of the balance of the Statute to remain in full and binding force and effect so long as the overall intent of the Statute remains intact.

(Source: WOS 2008-003, February 28, 2008, Section V)

15.2606 EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or thirty (30) days from Tribal Council approval whichever comes first, or, if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

(Source: WOS-2021-01, February 22, 2021, Section VI)