

Chapter 21. The Tribal Emblem and Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation

Codification Note: This repeals and replaces WOS 2006-015

6.2101 PURPOSE

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) recognizes that the Tribal Emblem and Seal represents pride in the accomplishments of the Waganakising Odawak, and it is desired that the Tribal Emblem and Seal be displayed as a symbol of acknowledgment of the sovereign nation status of the Waganakising Odawak. This Statute repeals and replaces any previous Statute including WOS 2006-015, The Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section I)

6.2102 DEFINITIONS

- A. “LTBB or Tribe”** means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

- B. “Secretary”** means the Tribal Council Secretary who is responsible in maintaining and protecting the Tribal Seal.

- C. “Tribal Citizen”** means a person who is an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section II)

6.2103 TRIBAL EMBLEM

The Tribal Emblem was approved by Tribal Council on December 5, 1999, and it depicts an Anishinaabe paddling a canoe on a lake, an eagle soaring across the sky in front of the sun, a crooked tree branch, an elk, a bear and a turtle, enclosed within a circle. Hanging from the bottom of the circle are six Eagle feathers. Along the top of the circle are the words, in all caps: “Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians” and underneath the feathers is the words “Waganakising Odawa”.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section III)

6.2104 TRIBAL SEAL

- A.** The Tribal Seal is the embossed Tribal Emblem, approximately two (2) inches in diameter.
- B.** The Tribal Seal shall be used for the official business of the Tribe and shall not be used by any other entity.
- C.** The Seal shall be used as the identification mark signifying the authenticity of a document.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section IV)

6.2105 PROTECTOR OF THE TRIBAL SEAL

The Secretary “shall maintain and protect the Tribal Seal” by ensuring safe storage of the Tribal Seal, and that it shall only be used for official Tribal business.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section V)

6.2106 USE OF THE EMBLEM

- A.** The Emblem may be used by any Tribal Citizen, person, or entity, provided that its use does not mislead or convey any impression of official action or endorsement by the Tribe unless the Tribe has specifically authorized and/or approved the use of the Emblem.
- B.** The Emblem may be used with or without any of the surrounding words of “Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians” or Waganakising Odawa”.
- C.** The Emblem may be used for such commercial or non-profit activities such as placing it on mugs, clothing items, websites, signs, novelty items and any other items for display or resale.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section VI)

6.2107 UNAUTHORIZED USE; CONVICTION; PENALTY

Any unauthorized use of the Tribal Seal, shall be deemed a civil offense and may be fined up to Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section VII)

14.2108 SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section VIII)

14.2109 EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 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 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section IX)

14.2110 OTHER RELATED STATUTES

See WOS 2012-017 Tribal Secretary Responsibilities, or as may be amended.

(Source: WOS 2016-004, July 15, 2016, Section X)