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Ken Blanchard, Lt. Governor  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Dear Lt. Governor Blanchard:

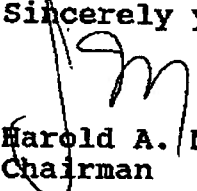
This letter responds to your request to review and approve the tribal gaming ordinance adopted by Resolution No. E-AS-94-94 on August 12, 1994, by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (Tribe). This letter constitutes such approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Under the IGRA and the regulations of the NIGC, the Chairman is directed to review ordinances with respect to the requirements of the IGRA and the implementing regulations. Thus, the scope of the Chairman's review and approval is limited to the requirements of the IGRA and the NIGC regulations and the ordinance is approved only to the extent that it conforms with such requirements. Provisions other than those required under the IGRA or the NIGC regulations that may be included in a tribal ordinance are not subject to review and approval. Such approval does not constitute approval of specific games. Also, the gaming ordinance is approved for gaming only on Indian lands as defined in the IGRA.

With the Chairman's approval of the Tribe's gaming ordinance, the Tribe is now required to conduct background investigations on its key employees and primary management officials. The NIGC expects to receive a completed application for each key employee and primary management official pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 556.5(a) and an investigative report on each background investigation before issuing a license to a key employee or primary management official pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 556.5(b).

Thank you for submitting the ordinance of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for review and approval. The NIGC staff and I look forward to working with you and the Tribes in implementing the IGRA.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold A. Monteau  
Chairman