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## BC Resolution # 01-28-26-D

### Amendments to the Public Use of Tribal Land Law

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Use of Tribal Land law ("the Law") was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through resolution BC-05-15-14-C, and then was amended through resolutions BC-12-10-14-A, BC-01-13-16-C, and BC-07-26-17-D; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Law is to prevent improper access, use, and trespass to Tribal lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law add definitions for the following terms: Land Management, rule, Trial Court, and Tribal member, and eliminate the definition for trespass; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law eliminate the Environmental Resource Board from the Law and delegate all their former responsibilities and duties to Land Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law delegate administrative rulemaking authority to Land Management to develop rules to: develop, approve, and maintain the Land Access Map; allocate and assign land uses for all Tribal lands; develop a fine and penalty schedule for violations of this Law and its corresponding rules; and develop any other rules needed to implement or enforce this Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law require that Land Management consult with the Land Assessment Team on the development of all administrative rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law add members of Haudenosaunee First Nations governments or bands to those who can access land designated as Oneida Community Access; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law require that the Land Access Map be made digitally available on the Nation's website; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law provide that Land Management is responsible for allocating and assigning land uses to all Tribal land; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law remove the provisions on amending the Land Access Map, as the administrative rulemaking process shall now be followed; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law remove the provisions of the Law regarding trespass; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law remove much of the provisions regarding citations, and simply provide that an individual who violates a provision of this law or the corresponding rules may be subject to the issuance of a citation by a warden or an Oneida Police Department officer in accordance with the Nation's laws and policies governing citations; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to the Law make other minor drafting revisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Operating Committee developed the proposed amendments to the Law through collaboration with representatives from the Oneida Police Department, Oneida Law Office, Land Management, and the Environmental, Land, and Agriculture Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act a legislative analysis and fiscal impact statement were completed for the proposed amendments to the Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Operating Committee held a public meeting on the proposed amendments to the Law on October 15, 2025, with one (1) individual providing oral comments, and the public comment period for the amendments to this Law were held open until October 22, 2025, with no submission of written comments received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Operating Committee reviewed and considered all public comments received on December 3, 2025; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee hereby adopts the amendments to the Public Use of Tribal Land law, which shall become effective on February 25, 2026.

*Administrative Rulemaking*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Land Management shall develop all rules as deemed necessary to comply with these adopted amendments to the Public Use of Tribal Land law.

*One Year Review of the Public Use of Tribal Land Law*

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Legislative Reference Office shall work with the affected entities to conduct a one (1) year review of the Public Use of Tribal Land law and provide the Legislative Operating Committee a report on the use and implementation of the Law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."