

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE
GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-004

POLICY REGARDING WAIVER OF FILING FEES

The purpose of this administrative order is to address the waiver of filing fees that are charged in accordance with the Tribal Court Fee Schedule approved by Tribal Council by and through Resolution No. 182-12.

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Grand Ronde Constitution vests authority to the Chief Judge to exercise all judicial authority of the Tribe, to include the power to review and overturn tribal legislative and executive actions.

WHEREAS, Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302 provides for the administration of law and justice by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde through the establishment of a Tribal Court system as required by Article IV of the Grand Ronde Constitution.

WHEREAS, Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302 empowers the court to exercise the judicial authority of the Tribe as delegated herein.

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that in extenuating circumstances, the collection of a filing fee may create a hardship for Petitioners.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Court's Fee Schedule includes a provision for the waiver of such fees under certain circumstances.

WHEREAS, the Court has an Application for Waiver of Filing Fees together with the Affidavit in Support of Application for Waiver of Filing Fees available for the public at the Tribal Court's office and on the website.

THEREFORE, a person may complete a fee waiver application and affidavit prior to submitting documents for filing. In accordance with the fee waiver language contained in the Tribal Court Fee Schedule, payment of filing fees or an order granting a waiver of filing fees must be submitted at the time of filing.

THEREFORE, Administrative Order 18-001 is hereby vacated.

This order shall remain in effect until further notice or until superseded by future order.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

Patrick S. Melendy
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Chief Judge