

1 **WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE # 2021-_____**
2 **WAIVER OF FEES FOR VETERANS STATUTE**

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4 **SECTION I. PURPOSE**

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6 The Waiver of Fees for Veterans Statute is hereby enacted to honor our Little Traverse
7 Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Veterans in accordance with the Constitution, Article I, B.
8 Directive Principles: “Promote with special care the health, educational and economic
9 interests of all the people, especially our children and elders . . .”.

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12 **SECTION II. GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION**

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14 As stated by the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Section 139E, the
15 Medicare Reimbursement Honorarium meets the criteria of the United States Public Law
16 113-168, Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 and WOS 2017-002 General
17 Welfare Statute.

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20 **SECTION III. DEFINITIONS**

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22 **A. “Citizen”** shall mean an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of
23 Odawa Indians.
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25 **B. “Executive”** shall means the Tribal Chairperson or his/her designee
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27 **C. “LTBB”** mean The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
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29 **D. “Tribe”** or **“LTBB”** mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
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31 **E. “Veteran”** means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service,
32 and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable
33 this includes United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard service,
34 and members of the Reserves, Air or Army National Guard.

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SECTION IV. WAIVER OF FEES

A. The Executive has the authority to waive fees collected by the Executive Branch for Veterans.

B. These fees may include, by not limited to the following:

- 1. Hunting and fishing licenses
- 2. Enrollment cards
- 3. Notarial acts

C. When the Executive approves a fee to be waived, the Executive shall post a notice to the tribal website; and publish a list of fees waived annually in the tribal newspaper, or similar means of communication.

SECTION V. REPORTING REQUIRED

A. The Executive shall report to annually to Tribal Council:

- 1. The number of Veterans that received a waiver of fees.
- 2. The total dollar amount of fees waived.

B. Tribal Council may request the Executive provide additional information, if necessary.

SECTION VI. 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.

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SECTION VII. 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.

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