

To discharge those obligations, the Osage Nation hereby creates a minerals management agency, designated the Osage Minerals Council, consisting of members of the Osage Nation who are entitled to receive mineral royalty income from the Osage Mineral Estate, as provided by federal law. Only Osage mineral royalty interest holders shall be entitled to vote in electing the Osage Minerals Council.

The Osage Minerals Council is recognized by the Osage Nation government as an independent agency within the Osage Nation established for the sole purpose of continuing its previous duties to administer and develop the Osage Mineral Estate in accordance with the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906, as amended, with no legislative authority for the Osage Nation government. As an independent agency within the Osage Nation, the Osage Minerals Council may promulgate its own rules and regulations as long as such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the laws neither of the Osage Nation nor with the rules and regulations established by the United States Congress in the 1906 Allotment Act.

The Osage Minerals Council shall have the power to consider and approve leases and to propose other forms of development of the Osage Mineral Estate. Mineral leases approved and executed by the Council shall be deemed approved by the Osage Nation unless, within five (5) working days, written objection is received from the Office of the Principal Chief that the executed lease or other development activity violates Osage law or regulation. Any dispute that arises through this process may be heard before the Supreme Court of the Osage Nation Judiciary.

All leases or other forms of agreement for development of the Osage Mineral Estate shall comply with applicable federal law and all laws and regulations of the Osage Nation. The Osage Minerals Council shall exercise the administrative authority delegated under this Constitution, the laws of the Osage Nation, and as permitted by federal law.

**Section 5.** Preservation of Hunting and Fishing: Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the Osage People and shall be managed by Osage law and regulation for the public good.

## ***ARTICLE XVI - OSAGE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE***

**Section 1.** Preservation of Linguistic and Cultural Lifeways: The Osage People have the inherent right to preserve and foster their historic linguistic and cultural lifeways.

The Osage Nation shall protect and promote the language, culture and traditional ways of the Osage People.

## ***ARTICLE XVII - OSAGE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE***

**Section 1.** Health Care: The Osage Nation shall provide for the protection and advancement of a health care system for the Osage People by the ongoing development of services for the treatment, management and prevention of illnesses and chronic diseases, and of services that promote mental and physical well-being.

**Section 2.** Care of the Elders: The Osage Nation shall provide for the security of Osage elders by establishing and promoting programs to contribute to their economic, physical, and social well-being.

**Section 3.** Care of Our Children: The Osage Nation shall provide for the care and safety of Osage children by establishing and promoting programs that contribute to protecting, nurturing, and developing the minds, bodies and spirits of our children.

**Section 4.** Education: The education of Osage People is recognized as being essential to building a prosperous and self-determining society. The Osage Nation shall protect and promote education by providing for and supporting a system of high quality early childhood learning programs for its children, advocating on behalf of Osage students for improvements in the public elementary and secondary school systems within the Osage Reservation through intergovernmental agreements, and developing effective tribal education programs that allow Osage students to obtain the skills and resources necessary for a post-secondary education.

## ***ARTICLE XVIII - RESERVED POWERS***

The powers enumerated in this Constitution are not exclusive, and the remaining sovereign powers of the Osage Nation are reserved to the Osage People. Adoption of this Constitution does not constitute an agreement on the part of the Osage Nation to limit the exercise by the Osage Nation of any right or power it may otherwise be entitled to exercise.