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## BULLETIN

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**Subject: NIGC Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees**

The National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) has adopted its annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2, which remain the same as current fee rates. The tier 2 annual fee rate maintains the lowest fee rate adopted by the Commission since 2010. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031), which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

The fee rates being adopted here are effective November 1, 2018, and will remain in effect until new rates are adopted.

On January 22, 2018, the Commission published changes to the fees regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 514 in the Federal Register (83 FR 2903) which simplify the fee rate analysis and publication process by providing that the Commission will adopt a fee rate no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The NIGC has implemented an electronic payment system through Pay.gov in 2014. The system can be used for the quarterly payment of annual fees and submission of associated worksheets. Tribes interested in using the new Pay.gov electronic payment system should visit [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) and select the NIGC using the tab *Find an Agency*. Additionally, tribes can visit the Commission's website at [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) for details on how to sign into the system, what information is required to be submitted and how to handle changes or corrections to submissions. Use of this system is optional and paper worksheets and fee payments by check will still be accepted. Please provide the following identifying information: name, address, and telephone number of the gaming operation; name of licensing tribe; and the name, telephone number, and email address of contact person, and remit quarterly fee payments to:

National Indian Gaming Commission  
Attn.: Division of Finance  
1849 C Street NW

Mail Stop #1621  
Washington, DC 20240

Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. 514.4, please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for determining fee payments. Please note the new regulations define the fiscal year used in calculating the annual fee so that one fee rate is applied consistently to a gaming operation's assessable gross revenues for one fiscal year.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fees of \$18 per card effective November 1, 2018. These fees remain the same as current fingerprint processing fees. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 514, the Commission regularly reviews the cost of processing fingerprint cards and sets a fee based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

The announcement of the fee rate and fingerprint fees will be published in the Federal Register and the notice will be posted to the NIGC website as soon as it is available.

Should you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066; email [fee\\_questions@nigc.gov](mailto:fee_questions@nigc.gov).

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