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### VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Gaming Ordinance of the Comanche Nation

Dear Mr. Norman:

An amendment to the Comanche Nation's gaming ordinance was submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the Chairman's review and approval. The amendment modifies the qualifications for Gaming Commissioners and was approved by the Nation's Business Committee in Resolution No. 65-06 on July 1, 2006. The amendment and the Business Committee resolution were received by the NIGC on July 14, 2006.

I approved a gaming ordinance of the Comanche Nation on December 19, 2005. This letter constitutes approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.*, of the enclosed amendment to that ordinance.

Thank you for submitting the amendment for review and approval. The NIGC staff and I look forward to continuing to work with the Nation to implement IGRA. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Jo-Ann Shyloski, Senior Attorney, at 202-632-7003.

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Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Wallace Coffey, Chairman, Comanche Nation Tim Harper, Region V Director

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- the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved WHEREAS. by the Secretary of the Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members: and
- the tradition of sovereignty of the Comanche Nation, since time immemorial long WHEREAS. predates the existence of the Nation, establishes the inherent sovereign powers and rights of the Comanche self-government; and
- said Constitution, Article VL section 7(j), authorizes the Business Committee to WHEREAS. promulgate and enforce laws to promote the general welfare of the Nation; and
- the Business Committee pursuant to such authority and in consultation with the National WHEREAS. Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") enacted a Gaming Ordinance on December 12, 2005, which the NIGC approved on December 16, 2005; and
- the Business Committee pursuant to such authority deems it advisable to amend said WHEREAS, Gaming Ordinance to change the qualifications for the offices of Gaming Commission Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Commissioner, as the current qualifications unnecessarily limits the pool of qualified candidates for these offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Business Committee hereby ordains and enacts the attached Amendment to Section 108(e) of the Gaming Ordinance; provided, that such Amendment shall not become effective until approved by the NIGC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Business Committee directs the Chairman to obtain approval of said Amendment by the NIGC and to make preparations for its implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT immediately upon receipt by the Chairman of written notification from the NIGC approving the aforesaid and attached Amendment, the attached Amendment shall be deemed in full force and effect.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 1st day of July, 2006, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, north of Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of \_5 for, \_O\_ against, and \\_ abstaining, a quorum being present.

Wallace Coffer Chairman

ATTESTED

Joe Wannee, Secretary-Treasur

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## July 1, 2006, Amendment to Section 108(e) of the Comanche Nation Gaming Ordinance

Section 108(e) of the Comanche Nation Gaming Ordinance, enacted December 3, 2005, and approved by the NIGC December 16, 2005, is amended as follows, with strikethrough for deletions and underline for additions:

(e) In addition to satisfying the suitability standards set forth for key employees and primary management officials found in Section 207 of this Ordinance, each candidate for Tribal Gaming Commissioner must meet one of the following two requirements:

(1) <u>A high school diploma; at least four (4) years' work experience in a highly-regulated industry in the field of business management, compliance, or regulation; and at least one of the following:</u>

(A) Demonstrated knowledge of Licensing requirements for gaming establishments;

(B) Demonstrated knowledge of Surveillance requirements for gaming establishments; or

(C) Demonstrated knowledge of Compliance and Audit requirements for gaming establishments;

#### <u>OR</u>

(2) A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, Accounting, Marketing, Law, or another relevant field, with a preference given to candidates with a relevant A graduate degree is preferable; at least (2) Minimum of two (2) years' work experience in a highly-regulated industry in the field of business management, compliance or regulation; and at least one of the following:

(A) Demonstrated knowledge of Licensing requirements for gaming establishments;

(B) Demonstrated knowledge of Surveillance requirements for gaming establishments; or

(C) Demonstrated knowledge of Compliance and Audit requirements for gaming establishments.

# Accordingly, revised Section 108(e) of the Comanche Nation Gaming Ordinance shall read as follows:

(e) In addition to satisfying the suitability standards set forth for key employees and primary management officials found in Section 207 of this Ordinance, each candidate for Tribal Gaming Commissioner must meet one of the following two requirements:

(1) A high school diploma; at least four (4) years' work experience in a highlyregulated industry in the field of business management, compliance, or regulation; and at least one of the following:

(A) Demonstrated knowledge of Licensing requirements for gaming establishments;

(B) Demonstrated knowledge of Surveillance requirements for gaming establishments; or

(C) Demonstrated knowledge of Compliance and Audit requirements for gaming establishments;

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(2) A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, Accounting, Marketing, Law, or another relevant field, with a preference given to candidates with a relevant graduate degree; at least two (2) years' work experience in a highlyregulated industry in the field of business management, compliance or regulation; and at least one of the following:

(A) Demonstrated knowledge of Licensing requirements for gaming establishments;

(B) Demonstrated knowledge of Surveillance requirements for gaming establishments; or

(C) Demonstrated knowledge of Compliance and Audit requirements for gaming establishments.