

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

BOARD OF ELECTION PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTION CODE CHANGES

PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGES TO ELECTION CODE

On December 2, 2015, the Tribal Council approved changes to the Election Code in order to improve the administration of elections, to remove unnecessary burdens on voters, and to provide more access to the ballot box.

Major Changes include:

- Candidate filing period changed from March to **January**
- Revised filing period will provide more opportunity for early voting and absentee voting
- Removes notary requirement for absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballots
- Specifically states that all tribal members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote unless and until a voter registration process is implemented
- Revises the Code to clarify that the Election Board certifies candidates to the ballot, not the Tribal Council
- Clarifies eligibility requirements for Tribal Council
- Revises code to provide for changes in technology and to improve the administration of elections

A copy of the revised Election Code can be found on the Tribal website or picked up at the Election Board office at 7474 S. Camino De Oeste, Tucson, AZ 85757

Link:

<http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/index.php/announcements>



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UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION – JUNE 6, 2016

2016 ELECTION DEADLINES

If you are interested in running for one of the 11 positions on Tribal Council, the following important dates, deadlines and qualifications apply. Terms are for 4 years.

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD – January 1-29, 2016

All candidates interested in running for office must file a Declaration of Candidacy, pay background fee, and pick up an applicant package between January 1 and January 29, 2016, from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday with the Board of Election Supervisors.

NOMINATING PETITION PERIOD – January 2-March 14, 2016

Applicants must submit a nominating petition with at least 50 signatures within 45 days of completing the Declaration of Candidacy.

BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED A required non-refundable filing fee of \$22.00 must be paid by money order or cash with the Declaration of Candidacy to cover background check processing. **No personal checks will be accepted.**

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an enrolled tribal member
2. Must be at least 25 years of age
3. Must not be convicted of a felony
4. Must not be convicted of deceit, fraud, or misappropriation of funds
5. Must not currently be suspended from elected office
6. Must not have been removed from elected office within the past 8 years
7. Submit to a background check
8. Pay filing fee in the amount of \$22.00

*Paperwork must be filed with the Office of Board of Election Supervisors at
7474 S. Camino De Oeste Tucson, AZ 85757 from 9 AM – 5 PM Monday through Friday.
For more information call Election Office at 520.879.5240*