

# CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

TO: Executive Directors

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SUBJECT: SMOKE SHOP LICENSURE

DATE: 3-8-93

Would you please convene the appropriate people from business and community development to put together criteria and a plan for licensing smoke shops for non-profit, community-based organizations. I don't care how you do it or how discriminatory it sounds but I want these licenses to go primarily to full-blood Cherokees in rural poor communities who are doing real work. It will be a little harder to do this work but getting money to those communities is a priority. If the Creeks and Navajos can find a mechanism to get money to their chapters and communities, so can we.

We need to get together as soon as possible and sketch some preliminary guidelines then convene a meeting with the Council to get their input.

Tribally operated smoke shops are not prohibited and we should proceed on those that are no where near a distinct Cherokee community of any kind.

Please keep me posted.

WPM:mac

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