



Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

DATE: March 5, 2025
TO: Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Tribal Members
FROM: Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Housing Department
RE: Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (“QVIR”) Housing Ordinance

QVIR Tribal Members,

The QVIR Draft Housing Ordinance is out for review and comments. Please review the Ordinance as it applies to structure and authorities and programs offered by the Housing Department, including the rental and homeownership programs on the Reservation.

Such topics in the policy include – current housing issues, housing department structure, creation of housing committee, and definitions.

There have been questions related to the structure of a housing department vs. a Tribally Designate Housing Entity (TDHE/Housing Authority).

- Housing Dept has its powers and authorities in the Business Council and/or General Community Council while a Housing Authority has its powers and authorities in the Housing Board of Commissioners and Executive Director.
- In Indian housing, a Housing Department typically refers to a tribal entity managing housing programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), offering pros like greater tribal control and culturally relevant housing development, while a Housing Authority usually refers to a local entity managing federal housing programs, with pros like established infrastructure and access to wider funding sources, but potential cons related to less tribal autonomy and potentially less culturally appropriate housing solutions

Please submit comments within 15 days from date of this memo to Raymond McQuillen, Housing Director at 707-954-0173 or email raymond.mcquillen@qvir-nsn.us