**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**

**Draft Assignment Ordinance**

1. **Why do we need a new Assignment Ordinance?**

The current ordinance is over 50 years old and outdated. It does not address many of the modern issues the Tribe is facing as it administers assignments and does not provide assignees with due process and the opportunity for their grievances to be heard in Tribal Court.

1. **Who does this draft Assignment Ordinance apply to?**

It applies to all assignments of the Trinidad Rancheria – located both on and off the Rancheria.

1. **Are current assignments grandfathered in?**

Yes. All assignments validly issued prior to the passage of this Ordinance shall be considered valid under this Ordinance.

1. **I am a current assignee – will I have to do anything if this Ordinance is approved to comply with its new provisions?** Yes, likely. All assignees will be given sixty (60) days from the date of Tribal Council implementation to be in compliance with the Ordinance. That means forms may need to be completed or updated and your assignment may need to be brought into compliance with the section on Use of the Land (see Section 8 of the draft Ordinance). The Housing Department is here to help and will assist you in understanding what needs to be done.

1. **What stage in the legislative process is this draft Ordinance at?**

This draft has just begun the Community Review Phase. That means the Tribal Council has reviewed the draft and sent it to the Community Council for review and comment.

1. **How can I find out more about what is new in this draft?**

Come to the Community Legislation Review Meetings! Meeting info is below. Also, check out the Draft Assignment Ordinance Overview – it is a PowerPoint designed to give you the highlights of the Ordinance.

**September 14, 2023 September 16, 2023**

**Tribal Council Chambers & Zoom Tribal Council Chambers & Zoom**

**5:30pm-7:30pm 11:00am-1:00pm**

1. **I don’t like something in this draft, how can I make a comment on it?**

The Tribal Council wants your comments! You can make comments in two ways:

* Written comments may be submitted via email to

aatkins@trinidadrancheria.com, by fax to (707) 677-3921, or via mail addressed to Assignment Ordinance Comment, Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Office, PO Box 630, Trinidad, CA 95570. Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2023

* Attend one of the Community Legislation Review Meetings and make your comments there (see date and times above)

**All comments received will be logged for review by the Tribal Council and Tribal Administration.**