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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR RTM STATUS

(Resident Tribal Member)

The Tribe has signed an agreement with the State of Michigan giving us 70+ parcels of land that are considered tax free for State of Michigan tax. In order to be eligible for this benefit you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be a member of the Gun Lake Tribe;
- You must reside in the tax agreement area;
- You must have a social security number registered with the tribal enrollment office;
- You must have a valid Tribal ID card.

To enroll you must present the following:

- Completed application
- State of Michigan Driver's License/State Identification Card with the correct address that makes you eligible to be a RTM. We can only accept State of Michigan issued licenses/Identification cards. If you do not have one, you can't be enrolled in the program.

We use the date on the sticker/license that shows the day you changed your address with the Secretary of State's office. This will be your official eligibility date.

If you have always resided in the tax agreement area, your eligibility date will be the date you enrolled with our office.

Any piece of mail that has your name and RTM address.



**Facts and most common asked questions regarding the Tax Agreement between
The Gun Lake Tribe and the State of Michigan**

FACTS:

Our total tribal membership currently stands at 592. There are 457 members who reside in the State of Michigan, 370 reside in the 5-county service area, and 73 members reside in the tax agreement area. Those 73 eligible members are referred to as resident tribal members (RTM) by the State of Michigan.

ONLY tribal members of appropriate age are eligible for the benefits.
(At least age 16 and a licensed driver to purchase gasoline, at least 18 to purchase tobacco.)

RTM's are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax on the following items regardless of where purchased or used provided they are purchased for non-commercial use: passenger vehicles including automobiles, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and motorcycles, recreational watercraft, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.

In order to receive the benefit at the Noonday Market, you MUST have a Tribal ID card. This can be obtained through the member services office.

RTM's are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax on modular homes and used as their principal residence.

Very Important Note In order to get 100% tax free benefits, the title has to be solely in the RTM name. If it is jointly listed and the other name is NOT a tribal member, you will only receive 50% off.

An RTM cannot have more than one principal residence at a time.

RTM's are exempt from State income tax on all non-business income including but not limited to: all income derived from wages are exempt whether the wages are earned within the agreement area or outside.

Q. How was it determined which parcels were chosen?

A. The Tribal Council chose the areas to bring our members back within our initial reservation lands.

Q. Why is the gas and tobacco benefit on a reimbursement basis?

A. Because this was the only option available from the State.

Q. Will the tax agreement area ever change to add or remove areas?

A. The State of Michigan and Gun Lake Tribe have the opportunity to re-negotiate the tax agreement area periodically.

Q. How long will this benefit be available?

A. There is not a currently termination date to this benefit.