

# LEGALS

If you have any financial interest in  
1961 Chevrolet Apache  
VIN:1C144K102570,  
1959 Chevrolet Apache  
VIN:3B9K129853 or  
1937 Chevrolet 1500  
VIN:5GC057850  
please contact Whitney @  
9185336720. These vehicles  
are located at 21507 S Hwy  
69 Afton, OK 74331.

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December 29th, 2025

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 29th, 2025 with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioners Robert Clark and Scott Hilton. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse December 23rd, 2025 at 10:01 A.M. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve minutes of December 22nd, 2025. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 CH Improv-ST 85, KELLPRO INC\*, 9156.00, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 86, KELLPRO INC\*, 1469.92, SOFTWARE LICENSE; General 1246, SOONER PRINTING\*, 20.16, STAMPS 1247, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 10.25, BOTTLED WATER 1248, PITNEY BOWES INC, 112.87, INK CARTRIDGES 1249, FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES\*, 1972.54, FUEL 1250, FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES\*, 1768.33, FUEL 1251, COMDATA, 106.65, FUEL 1252, COMDATA, 147.46, FUEL 1253, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 24.00, BOTTLED WATER 1254, ALERT 360, 47.07, SECURITY SERVICES 1255, ALERT 360, 48.10, SECURITY SERVICES 1256, ROCKIN SM EXCAVATION, 9600.00, REPAIRS 1257, SOONER PRINTING\*, 30.00, STAMPS 1258, CODE3 SECURITY, 1823.20, SECURITY SERVICES 1259, KIM MCCORD, 165.00, OFFICE CLEANING 1260, OPERS, 4586.68, RETMT CONTRIBUTIONS 1261, TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 43.55, RETMT CONTRIBUTIONS 1262, OSU-CTP, 40.00, TRAINING 1263, KAYLEE PRUITT, 125.00, OFFICE CLEANING; Health 113, OK STATE DEPT OF HEALTH, 3269.64, Payroll 114, RITE-TEMP REFRIGERATION LLC, 180.00, SERVICE CALL; Highway 780, KEMP STONE CO INC\*, 5821.73, MATERIALS 781, WYANDOTTE TECHNOLOGIES, 4040.65, SECURITY EQUIPMENT 782, LIBERTY, 760.39, UTILITIES 783, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY\*, 204.00, SAFETY EQUIPMENT 784, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 455.69, SHOP SUPPLIES 785, MISACO SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING\*, 557.10, SAFETY EQUIPMENT 786, AAVCOR, 80.00, DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING 787, OTA-PLATEPAY, 14.70, TRAVEL EXPENSES 788, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS\*, 64.91, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 789, A T & T MOBILITY, 457.37, SECURITY SERVICES 790, HUGHES LUMBER CO\*, 42.99, PARTS 791, NOVUS GLASS, 70.00, GLASS REPAIR 792, BOLT FIBER, 199.99, INTERNET SERVICE 793, OTA-PLATEPAY, 40.88, TRAVEL EXPENSES 794, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 75.32, UNIFORM RENTAL 795, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 139.99, UNIFORMS 796, MIKE FURNAS, 150.00, TRAVEL EXPENSES; Hwy-ST 319, DERRICK HARDING, 270.00, MATERIALS 320, MAXX DUMP BODIES LLC, 21655.00, EQUIPMENT 321, KEMP STONE CO INC\*, 318.74, MATERIALS 322, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 6762.00, FUEL 323, A T & T MOBILITY, 307.22, EQUIPMENT TRACKER 324, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 115.49, VEHICLE REPAIR 325, LOOPER GENERAL REPAIR\*, 40.70, PARTS 326, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO\*, 2514.06, GRADER BLADES 327, LONGAN CONSTRUCTION CO\*, 750.00, ASPHALT 328, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 45.22, PARTS 329, LOOPER GENERAL REPAIR\*, 262.48, MATERIALS 330, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO\*, 366.28, REPAIRS 331, B & B AUTO SUPPLY INC\*, 1240.00, BATTERIES 332, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 634.89, FUEL; RM&P 11, MIDWEST PRINTING CO\*, 67.57, OFFICE SUPPLIES; Rural Fire-ST 78, NE OK ELECTRIC CO-OP, 72.05, UTILITIES; SH Commissary 50, PRODIGY, 3281.63, INMATE PHONE CARD 51, PRODIGY, 7313.82, INMATE

PHONE CARD; SH Svc Fee 115, NORTHWEST CONTROLS SYSTEMS INC., 1755.00, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 116, H K ELECTRIC LLC, 358.18, ELECTRICAL REPAIRS 117, FAIRFIELD INN\*, 580.00, TRAINING 118, ROCKIN SM EXCAVATION, 2875.69, REPAIRS 119, ROCKIN SM EXCAVATION, 2950.00, REPAIRS. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve project letter from Quapaw Nation which plans for federal funding for the construction of Bridge Project NBI: # 08161 on NTTFI Route 0104(010) located in Ottawa County. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve check # 1726795 from Unifirst in the amount of \$ 973.36. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

12. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton to approve transfer of appropriations: Fund 0001 into Fund 1102 in the amount of \$1,165.89. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

13. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve easement authorizing encroachment on property owner Michael Neal Kirk property. Legal description as follows: N 1/2 of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼ of Section 3, township 27 North, Range 24 East of the Indian Meridian, Ottawa Co., OK. Less that part deeded for highway purposes. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

14. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1: report someone had cut down and tree close to the County Road and hadn't cleaned it up yet. Possibility leaving it to the County to clean up, so motorist don't run into it. Still working on line-of-sight issues. Attended Annual Veterans hunt over the weekend in Picher. District 2: Wishing everyone a safe holiday and routine maintenance. District 3: Routine maintenance.

17. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve blankets # 2487-2494. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

18. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

**Mike Furnas, Chairman  
Robyn Mitchell,  
County Clerk  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,  
Plaintiff,

v.

RICKY LEE LOVETTE,  
DECEASED; SPOUSE, IF ANY,  
OF RICKY LEE LOVETTE;  
JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT;  
AND UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS  
OF RICKY LEE LOVETTE,  
DECEASED  
Defendant(s).

## Case No. CJ-2025-117 Judge Jennifer McAffrey NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
TO: Spouse, if any, of Ricky Lee Lovette and Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Ricky Lee Lovette, Deceased, if living or if dead, and to said Defendant(s)' unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by International Bank of Commerce , in the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before March 1, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW1/4 NE1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 24 EAST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SW1/4 NE1/4 THENCE NORTH 385.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1909.85 FEET A DISTANCE OF 596.9 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 44° 08' EAST 37 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SW1/4 NE1/4; THENCE WEST 500.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS THAT PART DEEDED TO THE STATE OF

OKLAHOMA FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 62551 E. Highway 137, Miami, OK 74354

for the sum of \$ 138,697.00, with interest from May 1, 2025, at 5.625 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, \$ 225.00 for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 18 day of December, 2025.

**Cassie Key, Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Deputy Clerk**

**LOGS Legal Group LLP  
770 NE 63rd St.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431  
(405) 848-1819  
File No. 25-141986**

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January 2 and 9, 2026)  
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## DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Re: The Name of: Angelique Nichole Leemasters

## CV-25-112 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Angelique Leemasters has petitioned to change his/her name to Angelique Martin.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2026, before Judge Whalen at 9:30 am o'clock in courtroom #2 at the Ottawa County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

**COURT CLERK  
/s/ Lauren Davis  
By: DEPUTY**

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The Application of  
2003 Ford Super Duty F-450  
VIN #1FDXF47P43ED84147  
To Issue Title

## Case No. CV-26-1 APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Bristol Berryman of Quapaw, Oklahoma, and hereby makes Application to the District Court of OTTAWA COUNTY to issue an order directing Service Oklahoma to issue an Oklahoma Title bearing the VIN #1FDXF47P43ED84147 in the name of Bristol Berryman 2003 Ford Super Duty F-450

In support of this application, the Applicant would state under oath that he is the Owner of said vehicle. That the above described property is not stolen. The he/she claims ownership to the above described property as follows:

I, the applicant purchased the above-described vehicle in good faith from Jimmy Curry. He moved and lost the title. Jimmy provided me, the applicant a bill of sale and it is in my possession

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by \_\_\_\_\_, whom will have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this application and date and time of the hearing.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

/s/ Bristol Berryman  
Applicant's signature

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of  
Bristol Berryman  
2003 Ford Super Duty F-450  
Property and VIN#  
1FDXF47P43ED84147

## Case No. CV-26-1 ORDER OF SETTING

Now on this 5th day of January, 2026, the Court finds this matter should be set before me the 22nd day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**/s/ Andrew Meloy  
Judge**

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The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking qualified contractors to bid on building a detention pond near High Winds Casino. 61475 East 100 Road, Miami, OK. Mandatory Prebid is 15 January 2026, at 2:00pm. Contact Jack Dalrymple at 918-533-6889 or Aaron Epperson at 918-346-7951 with questions.

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## NOTICE OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR BOARD ELECTION

A Fair Board Election will be held for Ottawa County IF deemed necessary on Monday, February 9, 2026 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM at the Ottawa County Courthouse Annex, 123 E Central, Miami Oklahoma. Three people will be elected - one to represent each of the following Commissioner's District: Northern, Central & Southern.

The filing period for the election shall run on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 and end on Monday, January 26, 2026. Only registered voters of Ottawa County are eligible to file as a candidate and must reside in the district they wish to represent.

Prospective candidates must file with the County Clerk on the form prescribed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County.

For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Office @ 918-542-1688 or the Ottawa County Clerk @ 918-542-3332.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 12-156 (EXCEPTIONS) OF ARTICLE VI (ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO GAMES) OF CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING S E V E R A B I L I T Y AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that a municipal governing body may repeal, alter or amend any ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami has previously adopted ordinances regulating the operation of family recreation centers within the City of Miami, and

WHEREAS, such ordinances have become antiquated, unnecessary, and inconsistent with current laws, business practices, and community standards, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami desires to repeal said ordinances in order to update and clarify the City's municipal code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 12-156 (Exceptions) of Article VI (Electronic and Video Games) of Chapter 12 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

Section 2 – Severability

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3 - Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2026.

**/s/ Bless Parker  
Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes  
Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 12-157 (LICENSE REQUIRED; APPLICATION) OF ARTICLE VI (ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO GAMES) OF CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING S E V E R A B I L I T Y AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that a municipal governing body may repeal, alter or amend any ordinance, and

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WHEREAS, such ordinances have become antiquated, unnecessary, and inconsistent with current laws, business practices, and community standards, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami desires to repeal said ordinances in order to update and clarify the City's municipal code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 12-157 (License required; application) of Article VI (Electronic and Video Games) of Chapter 12 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

Section 2 – Severability

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3 - Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2026.

**/s/ Bless Parker  
Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes  
Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 12-158 (LICENSE FEE; ISSUANCE, EXPIRATION OF LICENSE) OF ARTICLE VI (ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO GAMES) OF CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING S E V E R A B I L I T Y AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that a municipal governing body may repeal, alter or amend any ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami has previously adopted ordinances regulating the operation of family recreation centers within the City of Miami, and

WHEREAS, such ordinances have become antiquated, unnecessary, and inconsistent with current laws, business practices, and community standards, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami desires to repeal said ordinances in order to update and clarify the City's municipal code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 12-158 (License fee; issuance, expiration of license) of Article VI (Electronic and Video Games) of Chapter 12 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

Section 2 – Severability

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3 - Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2026.

**/s/ Bless Parker  
Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes  
Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 12-159 (SUPERVISION AND CONTROL; SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS; NOTICE OF HEARING; REVOCATION OF LICENSE; APPEAL) OF ARTICLE VI (ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO GAMES) OF CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING S E V E R A B I L I T Y AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

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# More than one-third of Christmas tree home fires occur in January

If you're struggling to part ways with your Christmas tree, consider this: More than one-third (35 percent) of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is strongly encouraging prompt removal of Christmas trees after the holiday season.

"As much as we all enjoy the look and feel of Christmas trees in our homes, they're large combustible items that have the potential to result in serious fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "The longer

they're in the home, the more of a risk they present."

According to NFPA data, Christmas tree fires don't happen often, but when they do occur, they're more likely to be serious. That's in part because fresh Christmas trees dry out over time, making them more flammable the longer they're in the home. A dried-out Christmas tree will burn much more quickly than a well-watered one.

Between 2020 and 2024, there was an estimated annual average of 143 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees, resulting in seven civilian deaths, 13 civilian injuries, and \$15 million in direct property

damage.

"Fires that begin with Christmas trees represent a very small but notable part of the U.S. fire problem, considering that they are generally in use for a short time each year," said Carli.

To safely dispose of a Christmas tree, NFPA recommends using the local community's recycling program, if possible; trees should not be put in the garage or left outside. NFPA also offers these tips for safely removing lighting and decorations to ensure that they remain in good condition:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical

decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.

- As you pack up light strings, inspect each set for damage. Throw out any that have loose connections, broken sockets, or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations away from children and pets, and in a dry place where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

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inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami desires to repeal said ordinances in order to update and clarify the City's municipal code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 12-159 (Supervision and control; suspension of operations; notice of hearing; revocation of license; appeal) of Article VI (Electronic and Video Games) of Chapter 12 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

Section 2 – Severability

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Section 3 - Effective Date

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2026.

**/s/ Bless Parker**  
**Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore**  
**Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes**  
**Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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### ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 12-160 (Examination, approval of owner, manager, employees prerequisite to issuance of license) OF ARTICLE VI (ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO GAMES) OF CHAPTER 12 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 12-160 (Examination, approval of owner, manager, employees prerequisite to issuance of license) of Article VI (Electronic and Video Games) of Chapter 12 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

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**/s/ Bless Parker**  
**Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore**  
**Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes**  
**Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of BRIAN CHRISTOPHER TEAGUE, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2025-14**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberly Yvonne Cheatum, Personal Representative of the Estate of Brian Christopher Teague, Deceased, has filed in this Court her Petition for an order determining heirs, determining distribution and discharge of the Personal Representative.

Notice is further given that the hearing on the same is hereby fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for the 12th day of February, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma; and all persons interested in

said estate are then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Petition should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Brian Christopher Teague, deceased be determined, the assets of the estate distributed and the Personal Representative thereupon discharged.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2026.

**/s/ R. Matt Whalen**  
**Judge of the District Court**

**John W. Thomas, OBA #22445**  
**Attorney for Personal Representative**  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of NINA LOUISE CUNNINGHAM-KOLLING, deceased.

**Case No. PB-2025-48**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that FRANKIE HOWERTON, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above captioned estate, has filed in this Court a Final Account and Report of the administration of said estate and a Petition for determination of heirship, distribution of said estate, and discharge; said hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 29th day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the courtroom of said Court in the Ottawa County Courthouse at Miami, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be settled and allowed, and said estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.

**/s/ R. Matt Whalen**  
**Judge of the District Court**

**Travis Hartley, OBA #20238**  
**THE HARTLEY LAW FIRM PLLC**  
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### RESOLUTION NO. CC2026-01

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR, PROCLAIMING, AND ORDERING A NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF MIAMI, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OKLAHOMA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MAYOR.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami, by and through the City Council and pursuant to the City Charter of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, and State Statutes, is hereby required to hold a general election; and

WHEREAS, 2026 is the year to call for a general election of the municipal office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the term for the office of Mayor shall begin on May 1, 2026 and end at the first regular meeting of the City Council in May, 2029.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma:

The City Council calls for, proclaims, and orders a general, nonpartisan election to be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026, conducted by the Ottawa County Election Board, for the purpose of electing the Mayor of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, for a term of three (3) years. The filing dates for this election are February 2, 3, and 4, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with the contest of candidacy/withdrawal period is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 5 and 6, 2026, at the Ottawa County Election Board office, Ottawa County Courthouse Annex. The Mayor's term will commence on the 1st day of May 2026 and end as of the first regular meeting of the City Council in May, 2029. All candidates must be registered voters and residents of the City of Miami for at least two years next preceding the election in order to file a declaration of candidacy, and all qualified electors of the City of Miami may vote for the office.

PASSED AND APPROVED this January 06, 2026.

[seal]

**/s/ Bless Parker**  
**Bless Parker**  
**Mayor, City of Miami, Oklahoma**

ATTEST:  
**/s/ Melissa Moore**  
**City Clerk, City of Miami, Oklahoma**

APPROVED:  
**/s/ Misty Barnes**  
**Misty Barnes, City Attorney**

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive sealed bids until 11:00 A.M. CST, on Tuesday February 10, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 25-85) Fiber Optic Materials. All proposals that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed proposal opening.

**(RFB 25-85) The Miami Special Utility Authority, requests bids from qualified bidders for fiber optic materials.**

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT BIDS. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED BID" WITH THE BIDDERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFB 25-85) CLEARLY SHOWN ON FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

The Miami Special Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any bid received after the time set for the opening of bids shall not be considered by the awarding agency and shall be returned unopened to the bidder submitting same.

Full solicitation packets can be downloaded from our website.. at [www.miamiokla.net](http://www.miamiokla.net).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE TO TAKE LAND "IN TRUST"

ACTION: Notice of final agency determination to take land into

trust under 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent, Miami Agency, Eastern Oklahoma Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a final determination to acquire real property "in trust" for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

DATE: This determination was made on December 22, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Randall Trickey, Superintendent, Miami Agency, P.O. Box 391, Miami Oklahoma, 74355 or (918) 715-4295.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.13(d) (2)(iii) that notice be given to the public of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquired land "in trust" at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of land "in trust." The purpose of the 30-day waiting period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of administrative decisions to take land "in trust" for Tribes or individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On December 22, 2025, the Superintendent issued a Decision Notice to accept land "in trust" for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, under the authority of Section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984: 25 U.S.C. 5108, formerly 25 U.S.C. 465), as amended.

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, shall acquire title in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, no sooner than 30 days after the initial date this notice is published in the newspaper.

The land is described as: T. 27 N., R. 25 E. sec. 5, Lot 9; sec. 6, Lots 10 thru 12, those portions lying south of East 120 Road; sec.7, NE1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4 that portion lying east of the centerline of Modoc Creek, a transitory boundary, NE1/4SE1/4 and S1/2SE1/4 excepting the right of way for Burlington Northern Railroad, 100 feet wide, NE1/4SW1/4 that portion lying south of East 128 Road; sec. 8, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 excepting the right of way for Burlington Northern Railroad, 100 feet wide, SW1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4NE1/4, N1/2S1/2SW1/4NE1/4; sec. 17; NW1/4NE1/4; sec. 18, N1/2N1/2NE1/4 excepting the right of way for Burlington Northern Railroad, 100 feet wide; A parcel of land situated in the northeast quarter (NE1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW1/4) of section 17, township 27 north, range 25 east of the Indian Meridian, being all of Tracts Eight and Nine of a survey by Micheal Jerome Huddleston, Oklahoma L. S. No. 1103, dated September 12, 2012, and being a portion of that parcel of land described in Deed Book 1212, Page 398 in the Clerk's Office of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the 1/4 corner section corner of sections 8 and 17, marked with a set 5/8-inch iron pin capped "LS 1866"; THENCE, South 00° 04' 04" East, on the north-south centerline of aforesaid section 17, identical with the east line of aforesaid Tract Nine, a distance of 1326.06 feet to the center-south 1/16 section corner of aforesaid section 17, marked with a found 1/2-inch rebar flush with the ground at the Southeast corner of aforesaid Tract Nine; THENCE, North 89° 30' 11" West, on the east-west centerline of the northwest quarter of section 17, identical with the south line of

aforesaid Tracts Eight and Nine, a distance of 674.37 feet to the Southwest corner of aforesaid Tract 8, marked with a found 3/8-inch rebar capped "LS 1103"; THENCE, North 00° 32' 41" West, on the west line of aforesaid Tract Eight, identical with the east line of Tract Seven of said survey, a distance of 1326.00 feet to the northwest corner of aforesaid Tract Eight, identical with the Northeast corner of aforesaid Tract Seven, on the line between said sections 8 and 17, marked with a found 3/8-inch rebar capped "LS 1103"; THENCE, South 89° 31' 16" East, on said section line, identical with the north line of aforesaid Tracts Eight and Nine, a distance of 685.38 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; A parcel of land situated in the northeast quarter (NE1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW1/4) of section 17, township 27 north, range 25 east of the Indian Meridian, being all of Tracts Four, Five, and Six of a survey by Micheal Jerome Huddleston, Oklahoma L. S. No. 1103, dated September 12, 2012, and being a portion of that parcel of land described in Deed Book 1212, Page 398 in the Clerk's Office of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the 1/4 corner section corner of sections 8 and 17, marked with a set 5/8-inch iron pin capped "LS 1866"; THENCE, North 89° 31' 16" West, on the line between section 8 and aforesaid section 17, identical with the north line of Tracts Seven, Eight, and Nine of aforesaid survey by Huddleston, LS 1103, a distance of 685.38 feet to the northeast corner of aforesaid Tract Six for the POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, South 00°32'1 38" East, on aforesaid east line of Tract Six, identical with the west line of Tract 7 of said survey, a distance of 1325.97 feet to the Southeast corner of said Tract Six, identical with the Southwest corner of aforesaid Tract Seven, on the east and west centerline of the NW1/4 of section 17, marked with a found 3/8-inch rebar capped "LS 1103"; THENCE, North 89° 30' 13" West, on the east and west centerline of the NW1/4 of section 17, identical with the south line of aforesaid Tracts Four, Five, and Six, a distance of 339.98 feet to the Southwest corner of aforesaid Tract Four, identical with the southeast corner of Tract Three of said survey by LS 1103, marked with a found 3/8-inch rebar capped "LS 1103"; THENCE, North 00°32'31" West, on the west line of said Tract Four, identical with the east line of aforesaid Tract Three, a distance of 1325.86 feet to the Northwest corner of aforesaid Tract Four, identical with the Northeast corner of aforesaid Tract Three, marked with a found 3/8-inch iron pin capped "LS 1103"; THENCE, South 89° 31' 16" East, on the line between sections 8 and 17, identical with the north line of aforesaid Tracts Four, Five and Six, a distance of 339.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The area within Section 5, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 17.02 acres. The area within Section 6, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 46.26 acres. The area within Section 7, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 349.04 acres. The area within Section 8, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 343.18 acres. The area within Section 17, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 92.87 acres. The area within Section 18, T. 27 N., R. 25 E. 37.54 acres. The area described aggregate 885.91 acres.

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