CORPORATE CHARTER
OF THE
NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHUNGNAK
ALASKA

RATIFIED JULY 24, 1946
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A FEDERAL CORPORATION CHARTERED UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE
18, 1934, AS AMENDED BY THE ACT OF MAY 1, 1936

Whereas, a group of Eskimos having a common bond of living
together in Shungnak, Territory of Alaska, seek to organize under
sections 16 and 17 of the act of June 18, 1934, and section 1 of the
act of May 1, 1936, by adoption of the Constitution and By-laws
approved by the Secretary of the Interior,

Now therefore, I, OSCAR L. CHAPMAN, Acting Secretary of the
Interior, by virtue of the authority given to me by the above acts,
do hereby submit this Charter of incorporation to the group of
Eskimos so organizing.

SECTION 1. Purpose and Name.—In order to enable the Village and
its members to do various kinds of business for their good, the Village
is hereby chartered as a corporation of the United States of America
under the name of "Native Village of Shungnak."

Sec. 2. Membership.—The corporation shall be a membership cor­
poration, consisting of all persons of the Village considered members
under the rules of the Constitution.

Sec. 3. Management.—The corporation shall be managed by the
governing body set up under the Constitution.

Sec. 4. Powers.—The corporation shall have the power to do the
following things:

To own, hold, manage and dispose of all Village property;
To make contracts;
To sue and be sued;
To borrow money from the revolving Indian credit fund and to
use it under a loan contract:
To enter into any business or activity that will better the condi­
tion of the Village and its members;
To do such other things as may be necessary to carry on the business
and activities of the Village.

Sec. 5. Limits to Powers.—In using its powers the corporation
must not do the following things:

Go against any law or the Constitution and By-laws of the Village;
Sell or mortgage any land set aside as a reserve for the Village;
Make leases, permits or contracts covering any lands or waters set
aside as a reserve for the Village without the approval of the Secre­
tary of the Interior or his authorized representative.

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SEC. 6. Property of Members.—Property owned by a member of the Village shall not be taken to pay the debts of the corporation without his consent.

SEC. 7. Records.—The corporation shall keep correct records of its business and activities and give copies of these records when asked to do so to the representative of the Office of Indian Affairs serving the Village.

SEC. 8. Changes in Charter.—Changes in the Charter may be made by the Village and if approved by the Secretary of the Interior shall be in force when agreed to by a majority vote of those members voting in an election called by the Secretary of the Interior, provided, that at least 30 percent of the voting membership votes. The Charter itself shall continue in force for all time, unless taken away by act of Congress.

SEC. 9. Adoption of Charter.—This Charter shall be in force when it is agreed to by a majority vote of those members voting in an election called by the Secretary of the Interior, provided, that at least 30 percent of the voting membership votes and provided that the Village has agreed to a Constitution and By-laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

This Charter is hereby approved and submitted to the group of Eskimos having a common bond of residence in the Native Village of Shungnak, Alaska, to be voted on in an election called and held under the Instructions of the Secretary of the Interior.

Oscar L. Chapman,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, D. C., June 18, 1946.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to an order, approved June 18, 1946 by the Acting Secretary of the Interior, the attached Charter was submitted for ratification to the group of Eskimos having a common bond of residence in the Village of Shungnak, Territory of Alaska, and was on July 24, 1946, duly ratified by a vote of 62 for, and 2 against, in an election in which over 30 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots, in accordance with the Alaska Act of May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250), and section 17 of the act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 373).

George Cleveland,
Chairman, Election Board.

Marvin E. Warbelow,
Government Representative.