

CHAPTER 23
CLOSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TIES

23-1 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

23-1.01 The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the criteria by which members of other federally-recognized Indian tribes shall be declared to have "close social and economic ties" with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho for purposes of eligibility for Indian Health Contract Services and other purposes.

(4) Demonstrated need; and

(5) Support for the broad goals and objectives of the Tribe.

23-2 TRIBAL EMPLOYEES

23-2.01 Those persons who are members of federally-recognized Indian tribes and who are full-time employees of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho are declared to have established close social and economic ties with the Tribe.

23-3 PERSONS OTHER THAN TRIBAL EMPLOYEES

23-3.01 Those persons who are members of federally-recognized Indian tribes, who are not full-time tribal employees, have been residents of Boundary County for the previous six consecutive months and who believe that they have a relationship with the Tribe that constitutes "close social and economic ties" shall make a request to the Tribal Council that they be declared to have close social and economic ties with the Tribe. The request shall be in writing and shall state supporting reasons.

23-3.02 The Tribal Council shall decide such request on a case by case basis. The Council shall have discretion to approve or deny any request upon application of its rules and standards. The Tribal Council may consider any factors it deems relevant to its determination. Such factors include but are not limited to:

(1) Marriage or previous marriage to a member of the Tribe;

(2) Children who are members of the Tribe;

(3) Involvement (not interference) in activities of the Tribe, especially those of a social and cultural nature;