

**STS'AILES CITIZENSHIP CODE/[NTD - Halq'eméylem
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1. ARTICLE 1 – PREAMBLE

Summary: *This Citizenship Code is a living document that sets out Sts'ailes' understanding of what it means to be a t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes, what it means to be a Sts'ailes Citizen, who may become a t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes or Sts'ailes Citizen, and the process by which this occurs. This Citizenship Code is intended to serve as a stepping stone towards the revitalization of Sts'ailes' jurisdiction over belonging and citizenship to Sts'ailes, moving away from membership systems imposed by the Canadian legal system. This is an ongoing process that may require revisions to this Citizenship Code as the relationship between Sts'ailes and Canada evolves.*

Preamble

- A. Sts'ailes is an independent and intact Indigenous nation and has inherent jurisdiction to determine issues of belonging, citizenship, and other related matters, and has possessed this jurisdiction since time immemorial;
- B. UNDRIP affirms Indigenous peoples' rights to self-determination, self-governance, and to belong to their Indigenous community or nation in accordance with the traditions and customs of that community or nation;
- C. Sts'ailes recognizes that exercising jurisdiction over determinations of belonging and citizenship is an essential function of Sts'ailes culture, law, and governance;
- D. Sts'ailes has maintained and continues to exercise jurisdiction over belonging and citizenship through its customary and traditional processes in accordance with Sts'ailes law, as an integral element of its distinctive culture;
- E. The recognition of an individual as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* or a Sts'ailes Citizen by Sts'ailes is a central and fundamental element of Sts'ailes' self-determination, cultural and community identity, and expression of Sts'ailes' legal order;
- F. All *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* have an inherent right to belong to Sts'ailes that cannot be lost or taken away;
- G. Sts'ailes Citizenship is determined based on more than ancestry and Indigenous status, although these are important aspects—it depends on striving to respect and balance the rights that flow from Sts'ailes Citizenship with the responsibilities owed to *S'ólh Téméxw*, Sts'ailes, and other Sts'ailes Citizens and living the Sts'ailes way;
- H. The determination of Indian status and membership under the *Indian Act* is an imposition of colonial ideas and values and is inconsistent with Sts'ailes' inherent jurisdiction, rights, and historic practices as guaranteed by UNDRIP; and
- I. Sts'ailes is exercising its inherent rights to self-determination and self-governance by adopting this Citizenship Code (the “**Citizenship Code**”) to reassert and revitalize its jurisdiction over determinations of Sts'ailes belonging and citizenship and to move away from the systems established by the *Indian Act* and administered by the Canadian government.

2. ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSES

Summary: *This Section sets out the reasons that Sts'ailes is creating the Citizenship Code and the goals that it aims to achieve. These purposes are related to purposes set out in the Constitution but are specific to matters of citizenship and identity.*

2.1 The purposes of this Citizenship Code are to:

- (a) disentangle and depart from the colonial Canadian interpretations of and approaches to determining Sts'ailes' identity, sense of belonging, and citizenship;
- (b) bridge Sts'ailes and Canadian legal orders to support Sts'ailes' exercise of its inherent jurisdiction over citizenship and related matters;
- (c) record Sts'ailes' oral legal traditions regarding citizenship and belonging in a format that assists in having them understood and recognized by the Canadian legal system; and
- (d) give effect to Sts'ailes' inherent rights to determine, make and continue laws about, and practice Sts'ailes citizenship and sense of belonging and identity, as recognized by UNDRIP.

3. ARTICLE 3 – DEFINITIONS

Summary: *This Section provides the meanings of specific words that are used in this Citizenship Code.*

3.1 In this Citizenship Code, the following terms and expressions have the following meanings:

- (a) "**Child**" means an individual who is less than 18 years old;
- (b) "**Citizenship Code**" has the meaning in Preamble, Section I;
- (c) "**Citizenship Department**" means the branch of Sts'ailes Government created or designated by Sts'ailes Chief and Council as being responsible for administering matters, processes, and standards related to Sts'ailes citizenship;
- (d) "**Married**" means the union of two people as partners in a personal relationship in a manner recognized by Sts'ailes, which may include marriages completed pursuant to Sts'ailes Laws, Sts'ailes' customs and traditions, *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes*, the laws of a province in Canada, or the common law;
- (e) "**Ordinarily Resident**" means the place where, in an individual's settled routine of life, they regularly, normally, or customarily live;
- (f) "**Parent**" means a biological or adoptive parent, unless otherwise specified;
- (g) "**Provisional Citizen**" means a person who is eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship, but is not entitled to automatic registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen, and who has

applied for Sts'ailes Citizenship and been accepted into the provisional citizenship process contemplated under this Citizenship Code;

- (h) **“Provisional Period”** means the duration of time for which individual who has been approved as a Provisional Citizen must comply with all requirements associated with Provisional Citizenship to become eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship;
- (i) **“Sts'ailes Citizen”** means an individual who has been granted Sts'ailes Citizenship pursuant to this Citizenship Code, who has specified rights and responsibilities according to this Citizenship Code and Sts'ailes Laws; and
- (j) **“t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes”** means any individual or individuals who have a social, familial, ancestral, spiritual, or cultural connection to Sts'ailes that is recognized by Sts'ailes, in accordance with Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*, as being sufficiently substantive and meaningful to support that individual belonging to Sts'ailes and holding inherent Sts'ailes rights, both individual and collective.

4. ARTICLE 4 – INTERPRETATION

Summary: *This Section describes specific ways that this Citizenship Code must be interpreted and applied. It is connected to the interpretation provisions in the Constitution and makes those provisions also apply to the Citizenship Code.*

- 4.1 All interpretation clauses from the Constitution will be used in interpreting this Citizenship Code.
- 4.2 This Citizenship Code is a living document and may be amended or supplemented from time to time pursuant to Article 12.
- 4.3 This Citizenship Code replaces all *Indian Act* provisions concerning membership or citizenship with respect to Sts'ailes.

5. ARTICLE 5 – T'SET XWELMEXW YE STS'AILES

Summary: *This Section sets out the concept of t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes set out in the definitions section, and clearly explain the purpose of this concept and its relationship to this Citizenship Code. The concept of t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes is intended to recognize that there are people with Sts'ailes connection and ancestry who hold inherent rights but do not live in S'ólh Téméxw, do not participate in the political and community aspects of Sts'ailes, and are not Sts'ailes Citizens.*

Recognition of t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes

- 5.1 Sts'ailes has exclusive and inherent jurisdiction to recognize an individual as being a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* pursuant to Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*.

- 5.2 Sts'ailes may adopt policies, standards, guidelines, or other supplementary measures to support its processes of recognizing individuals as *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* pursuant to Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*, but such measures are not necessary for Sts'ailes to exercise its jurisdiction to recognize *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes*.
- 5.3 Sts'ailes may exercise its inherent jurisdiction to recognize *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* in a manner that:
- (a) maintains and enhances the integrity of Sts'ailes culture, identity, and inherent rights;
 - (b) preserves Sts'ailes from the risks of dilution and assimilation created by colonialism and the imposition of settler legal systems;
 - (c) addresses contemporary and novel situations;
 - (d) is transparent and fair; and
 - (e) is consistent with Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*.

Permanent Entitlement to being *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes*

- 5.4 No *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* can lose or be stripped of their status as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* unless it was originally gained by fraudulent or improper means, including by knowingly submitting false or misleading information to Sts'ailes about their connection to Sts'ailes.
- 5.5 No *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* who is adopted by a non-*t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* will, by reason of that adoption, lose their status as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes*.
- 5.6 Notwithstanding Section 5.4, a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* may renounce their status as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* by providing written notice to the Citizenship Department in the form required.
- 5.7 Any individual who has renounced their status as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* and wishes to be re-recognized as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* may apply to the Citizenship Department, in the form required, for confirmation of their status as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes*.

6. ARTICLE 6 – STS'AILES CITIZENS

Summary: *This Section sets out the concept of Sts'ailes Citizens. Sts'ailes Citizens are generally t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes, but some Sts'ailes Citizens may not be. Sts'ailes Citizens are active members in the Sts'ailes community who have political rights in Sts'ailes government and who have responsibilities to S'ólh Téméxw, Sts'ailes, and other Sts'ailes Citizens. This Section describes the groups of people who are eligible to be or become Sts'ailes Citizens, the groups of people who will automatically become citizens when this Citizenship Code is adopted, and groups of people who must apply and go through the process to become a citizen. It establishes the rights and responsibilities of Sts'ailes Citizens and Provisional Citizens. Further,*

it sets out the process for Provisional Citizens to become Sts'ailes Citizens, and ways that citizenship can be lost, suspended, or given up.

Eligibility for Sts'ailes Citizenship

- 6.1 The following categories of persons are eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship:
- (a) individuals who are, upon the enactment of this Citizenship Code, registered as members of Sts'ailes;
 - (b) individuals who have at least one biological grandparent who was or was entitled to be a registered member of Sts'ailes;
 - (c) individuals who are *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes*;
 - (d) Children adopted by an individual who is both *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* and Sts'ailes Citizen;
 - (e) individuals who are Married to an individual who is both *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* and Sts'ailes Citizen;
 - (f) individuals who have at least one biological parent who was entitled to be recognized as *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* but who was not due to any legislation or determination that is later found to be materially flawed or incorrect; and
 - (g) individuals who, in accordance with Sts'ailes *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes* or other applicable customs or traditions, are eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship.

Automatic Registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen

- 6.2 All persons who are registered as a member of Sts'ailes as of the date of ratification of this Citizenship Code will automatically be registered as Sts'ailes Citizens upon the enactment of this Citizenship Code.
- 6.3 No person who is registered as a member of Sts'ailes when this Citizenship Code is enacted will lose their status as a Sts'ailes Citizen upon the enactment of this Citizenship Code.
- 6.4 All persons not eligible for automatic registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen wishing to become a Sts'ailes Citizen must apply for status as a Provisional Citizen in accordance with the procedures established by this Citizenship Code.

Automatic Registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen for Children

- 6.5 If a Child is eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship pursuant to Section 6.1 and has at least one Parent who is a Sts'ailes Citizen, then that Child is entitled to be automatically registered as a Sts'ailes Citizen without being required to apply for Provisional Citizenship.
- 6.6 A Child who is eligible to be automatically registered as a Sts'ailes Citizen pursuant to Section 6.5 may be registered as a Sts'ailes Citizen with the Citizenship Department by:

- (a) the Child’s Parent, subject to obtaining the Child’s confirmation to do so if the Child is sufficiently mature to provide such confirmation; or
- (b) the Child themselves if that Child demonstrates that they are sufficiently mature to make such a decision to the Citizenship Department’s reasonable satisfaction.

Entitlements and Responsibilities of Sts’ailes Citizens

6.7 Sts’ailes Citizens are, subject to Sts’ailes Laws and policies, entitled to the following:

- (a) reside within *S’ólh Téméxw*;
- (b) participate in selection of Sts’ailes Chief and Council;
- (c) participate in referenda;
- (d) seek and hold leadership positions within Sts’ailes Government; and
- (e) share in the communal interest in Sts’ailes Lands.

6.8 Sts’ailes Citizens who are Ordinarily Resident within *S’ólh Téméxw*, in addition to the rights set out in section 6.7, may be entitled to additional voting and consultation rights concerning matters local to *S’ólh Téméxw* as may be determined by Sts’ailes Chief and Council.

6.9 Sts’ailes Citizens have the following responsibilities:

- (a) honour Sts’ailes customs, traditions, and practices;
- (b) comply with Sts’ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*;
- (c) respect and uphold the Origin Story teachings;
- (d) respect and uphold the Seven Laws of Life;
- (e) contribute to the preservation, resurgence and advancement of Sts’ailes’ cultural, political, spiritual, intellectual and linguistic traditions;
- (f) respect and protect the safety and wellbeing of Sts’ailes Children, *t’set Xwelmexw ye Sts’ailes*, and *S’ólh Téméxw*; and
- (g) maintain active ties and good relations within the Sts’ailes community.

7. ARTICLE 7 – PROVISIONAL CITIZENSHIP

Summary: *This section sets out the process for how individuals who do not qualify to automatically become Sts’ailes Citizens can become Sts’ailes Citizens. Such individuals must complete the Provisional Citizenship process, which is designed to ensure that those individuals seeking Sts’ailes Citizenship have the appropriate connection to, knowledge of, and commitment to the Sts’ailes community and way of life.*

Application for Provisional Citizenship

- 7.1 Any individual who meets the eligibility criteria for Sts'ailes Citizenship under Section 6.1 but who does not qualify for automatic registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen under Section 6.2 or 6.5 may apply to the Citizenship Department for Provisional Citizenship in accordance with the procedures established under this Citizenship Code.
- 7.2 If the Citizenship Department rejects an individuals' application to become a Provisional Citizen, that individual may reapply to become a Provisional Citizen one year after the date of rejection and must provide reasons why they should be reconsidered for eligibility.

Requirements for Provisional Citizenship

- 7.3 The Citizenship Department will approve an individual as a Provisional Citizen if that individual:
- (a) is eligible for Sts'ailes Citizenship pursuant to Section 6.1 of this Citizenship Code; and
 - (b) submits a completed application in the form approved by the Citizenship Department from time to time.
- 7.4 The Citizenship Department will, in accordance with *Snowoyelh*, *Si:wes*, and any applicable policies of the Citizenship Department, establish a Provisional Period of one to five years for each individual whose application to become a Provisional Citizen is approved that will begin on the date that individual is approved as a Provisional Citizen.
- 7.5 Provisional Citizens must comply with the following conditions for the duration of their Provisional Period:
- (a) uphold the responsibilities of Sts'ailes Citizens set out in Section 6.8 of this Citizenship Code; and
 - (b) be Ordinarily Resident in *S'ólh Téméxw* throughout the Provisional Period.
- 7.6 If the Citizenship Department determines that a Provisional Citizen is, at any time, not in compliance with the conditions set out in Section 7.5 of this Citizenship Code or is found to have become a Provisional Citizen by fraudulent or improper means, the Citizenship Department will:
- (a) notify the Provisional Citizen of the non-compliance;
 - (b) request that the Provisional Citizen resolve the non-compliance and provide evidence of the same, within a specified period of time; and
 - (c) if the Provisional Citizen fails to resolve the non-compliance or provide evidence of the same within the period of time specified, either restart the Provisional Citizen's Provisional Period or terminate their status as a Provisional Citizen and provide notice of the decision.
- 7.7 A Provisional Citizen may renounce their status as a Provisional Citizen by providing written notice to the Citizenship Department in the form required by the Citizenship

Department. A Provisional Citizen's renunciation of their status will take effect when the notice is received by the Citizenship Department, which will confirm receipt of such notice.

Transition From Provisional to Full Citizenship

- 7.8 Upon the completion of the Provisional Period by a Provisional Citizen, the Citizenship Department will:
- (a) assess whether that Provisional Citizen has complied with the conditions set out in Section 7.5 of this Citizenship Code throughout their Provisional Period;
 - (b) within 15 days of the completion of the Provisional Period, based on this Citizenship Code, Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*, recommend to Sts'ailes Chief and Council whether the Provisional Citizen should be granted Sts'ailes Citizenship; and
 - (c) inform the Provisional Citizen of their decision.
- 7.9 The Citizenship Department, in deciding whether to recommend to Sts'ailes Chief and Council that a Provisional Citizen should be granted Sts'ailes Citizenship:
- (a) will consult with and give reasonable consideration to input from the Elders Council, Youth Council, and any other advisory group designated by Sts'ailes Chief and Council;
 - (b) may require that Provisional Citizen to submit to an interview with Sts'ailes Chief and Council or other members of Sts'ailes Government; and
 - (c) may require that Provisional Citizen to provide evidence of support from other Sts'ailes Citizens for their application for Sts'ailes Citizenship.
- 7.10 If Sts'ailes Chief and Council determines that a Provisional Citizen who has completed their Provisional Period should be granted Sts'ailes Citizenship, the Citizenship Department will request that individual's confirmation that they wish to become a Sts'ailes Citizen, and upon receipt of such confirmation, will register that individual as a Sts'ailes Citizen.
- 7.11 If Sts'ailes Chief and Council determines that a Provisional Citizen who has completed their Provisional Period should not be granted Sts'ailes Citizenship, Sts'ailes Chief and Council may recommend that the Citizenship Department take any of the following actions, alone or in combination:
- (a) extend that Provisional Citizen's Provisional Period by up to two years;
 - (b) impose additional conditions to which that Provisional Citizen must adhere;
 - (c) require that Provisional Citizen to repeat their entire Provisional Period; or
 - (d) terminate that individual's status as a Provisional Citizen.

- 7.12 If the Citizenship Department terminates an individual's status as a Provisional Citizen, that individual may reapply for Provisional Citizenship after one year from the date of termination and must supply reasons why they should be reconsidered for eligibility.

Cessation of Provisional Citizenship

- 7.13 An individual's status as a Provisional Citizen will cease on the earlier of:
- (a) the Citizenship Department granting them Sts'ailes Citizenship;
 - (b) the individual providing notice to the Citizenship Department, in the required form, that they no longer wish to continue as a Provisional Citizen; or
 - (c) the Citizenship Department terminating their Provisional Citizenship.
- 7.14 If a Provisional Citizen is granted Sts'ailes Citizenship, the sections of this Citizenship Code pertaining to Provisional Citizens will no longer apply to that individual.

Rights of Provisional Citizens

- 7.15 Provisional Citizens are entitled to exercise the following rights, subject to Sts'ailes Laws and policies:
- (a) participate in community consultation undertaken by Sts'ailes Government;
 - (b) participate in ceremonies as appropriate pursuant to *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes*; and
 - (c) make use of Sts'ailes' appeals processes.

8. ARTICLE 8 – LOSS OF STS'AILES CITIZENSHIP

Summary: *This section sets out how, and in what circumstances, a Sts'ailes Citizen or Provisional Citizen may be de-registered, suspended, or renounce their citizenship.*

De-Registering a Sts'ailes Citizen

- 8.1 On recommendation by the Citizenship Department, Sts'ailes Chief and Council may de-register any Sts'ailes Citizen who:
- (a) no longer meets all of the eligibility criteria established under this Citizenship Code; or
 - (b) is found to have become a Sts'ailes Citizen by fraudulent or improper means, including by knowingly submitting false or misleading information in their application for Sts'ailes Citizenship.
- 8.2 Prior to recommending to Sts'ailes Chief and Council that any Sts'ailes Citizen be de-registered, the Citizenship Department will notify that individual and provide them at least 30 days to correct the issue that could otherwise lead to their de-registration as a Sts'ailes Citizen.

- 8.3 If a Sts'ailes Citizen has not rectified the issue that could lead to their de-registration to the satisfaction of the Citizenship Department, the Citizenship Department will immediately notify the Sts'ailes Citizen and make a recommendation to Sts'ailes Chief and Council to de-register the Sts'ailes Citizen.
- 8.4 Sts'ailes Chief and Council will decide whether to de-register the Sts'ailes Citizen within 30 days of receiving a recommendation from the Citizenship Department, or such longer period as Sts'ailes Chief and Council may determine, and Sts'ailes Chief and Council will immediately notify the Sts'ailes Citizen of the final decision regarding de-registration.

Renouncing Citizenship

- 8.5 Any Sts'ailes Citizen may renounce their citizenship in accordance with the procedures established by Citizenship Department.

Re-Registering as a Sts'ailes Citizen

- 8.6 Any individual who has been de-registered as a Sts'ailes Citizenship may re-apply for Sts'ailes Citizenship in accordance with the procedures established by the Citizenship Department.

Suspending Citizenship

- 8.7 On recommendation by the Citizenship Department, Sts'ailes Chief and Council may suspend any Sts'ailes Citizen's citizenship if:
- (a) Sts'ailes Chief and Council reasonably believes that the Sts'ailes Citizen poses a significant risk to the safety of the Sts'ailes community or *S'ólh Téméxw* and the suspension is necessary to support community safety and wellbeing; and
 - (b) doing so is consistent with and permitted by *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes*.
- 8.8 In its recommendation to Sts'ailes Chief and Council, the Citizenship Department will provide recommendations on:
- (a) the duration of the suspension; and
 - (b) any conditions for reinstatement which may include, but are not limited to, a required apology or retribution.
- 8.9 The loss or suspension of Sts'ailes Citizenship through Section 8.1(a), **Error! Reference source not found.**, 8.3, or 8.7 will not affect the status, rights, or entitlements of any related Sts'ailes Citizens pursuant to this Citizenship Code.

Delegation of Authority

- 8.10 Sts'ailes Chief and Council may delegate authority and responsibility for decisions concerning de-registration and suspension of Sts'ailes Citizens and Provisional Citizens to Sts'ailes Government Institutions.

9. ARTICLE 9 – DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Summary: *This Section addresses the ability of Sts'ailes Citizens to hold multiple citizenships or memberships with other Indigenous Nations.*

Indigenous Nations in Canada

9.1 A Sts'ailes Citizen may not hold additional citizenships or memberships with other Indigenous Nations located in Canada.

Indigenous Nations Outside Canada

9.2 A Sts'ailes Citizen may hold additional citizenships or memberships with other Indigenous Nations located outside of Canada.

10. ARTICLE 10 – ADMINISTRATION

Summary: *This section sets out how the Citizenship Code will be administered by Sts'ailes Government.*

Citizenship Department

10.1 Sts'ailes Chief and Council will establish or may designate an existing department within Sts'ailes Government as the Citizenship Department.

10.2 The Citizenship Department will establish rules, procedures, and standards governing the administration of the Citizenship Code and all associated matters.

10.3 The Citizenship Department, in carrying out its responsibilities, will consider and apply the principles set out in the Constitution, Sts'ailes Laws and policies, *Snowoyelh*, and *Si:wes*.

Role of Elders Council and Youth Council

10.4 The Citizenship Department may engage and consult with the Elders Council and Youth Council on any matter concerning Provisional Citizenship or Sts'ailes Citizenship for which it considers the advice or guidance of the Elders Council or Youth Council necessary to support proper decision making in accordance with this Citizenship Code and *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes*.

11. ARTICLE 11 – APPEALS

Summary: *This section establishes that all decisions made under the Citizenship Code may be appealed by the affected parties.*

11.1 All applicants for Sts'ailes Citizenship, Sts'ailes Citizens, Provisional Citizens, and *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* have the right to appeal any decision that directly concerns them made pursuant to this Citizenship Code.

- 11.2 Any appeal of a decision made pursuant to this Citizenship Code must be made to the Citizenship Department, which will consider and decide on the issue in accordance with the procedures established by the Citizenship Department.
- 11.3 Any decision of the Citizenship Department about, in making a determination of any appeal made to it under Section 11.2, may only be appealed to the Appeals Council pursuant to the Constitution.

12. ARTICLE 12 – ENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT

Summary: *This section confirms that the Citizenship Code has been created pursuant to Sts'ailes inherent jurisdiction. It also sets out how it may be amended and brought into force.*

Jurisdiction

- 12.1 This Citizenship Code is enacted pursuant to Sts'ailes' inherent right to discern who belongs to Sts'ailes as a *t'set Xwelmexw ye Sts'ailes* or a Sts'ailes Citizen according to *Snowoyelh* and *Si:wes*.

Amendment

- 12.2 This Citizenship Code may only be amended by referendum in accordance with the Sts'ailes Referendum Regulation.

Ratification and Coming into Force

- 12.3 This Citizenship Code will be ratified using the same procedure set out in Article 14 of the Sts'ailes Constitution.
- 12.4 If this Citizenship Code is approved in the manner set out in Article 14 of the Sts'ailes Constitution, it will come into force, in principle, immediately.
- 12.5 This Citizenship Code will be brought into full force and effect by resolution of Sts'ailes Chief and Council.