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Robert H. Smith, Chairman  
PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS  
P.O. Box 43  
Pala, California 92059

Dear Mr. Smith:

You advised this office that the Pala Band is in the process of developing a mini-market, and part of the business operation would include the sale of alcohol.

You stated that when the Band communicated with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office, they were advised before a license was issued, a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs was required to approve the sale on the reservation. Informally you asked if the Bureau had to issue such a letter of approval.

In checking information on record, we found that the Pala Band does have in place an "Ordinance Legalizing the Introduction; Sale or Possession of Intoxicants" on file, which was approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior on April 11, 1960. Since the ordinance has received Bureau approval, this document should be sufficient for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office. A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for reference.

Any further questions, please contact the Branch of Tribal Operations at (909) 276-6630.

Sincerely,

Virgil Townsend  
Superintendent

Enclosure(s)

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Office of the Secretary  
PALA INDIAN RESERVATION, SAN  
DIEGO COUNTY, CALIF.  
Ordinance Legalizing the Introduction,  
Sale or Possession of Intoxicants

Pursuant to the act of August 15, 1953 (Pub. Law 277, 83d Congress, 1st Session), I certify that the following ordinance relating to the application of the Federal Indian liquor laws on the Pala Indian Reservation, San Diego County, California, was duly adopted on August 15, 1959, by a general council meeting of the Pala Band of Mission Indians which has jurisdiction over the area of Indian country included in the ordinance:

Whereas Public Law 277, 83d Congress, approved August 15, 1953, provides that sections 1154, 1156, 3113, 3488, and 3618 of Title 18, United States Code, commonly referred to as the Federal Indian liquor laws, shall not apply to any act or transaction within any area of Indian country provided such act or transaction is in conformity with both the laws of the State in which such act or transaction occurs and with an ordinance duly adopted by the tribe having jurisdiction over such area of Indian country, certified by the Secretary of the Interior, and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Therefore, be it resolved that the introduction, sale or possession of intoxicating beverages shall be lawful within the Indian country under the jurisdiction of the Pala Band: *Provided*, That such introduction, sale or possession is in conformity with the laws of California.

Be it further resolved that any tribal laws, resolutions or ordinances heretofore enacted which prohibit the sale, introduction or possession of intoxicating beverages are hereby repealed.

ROGER ERNST,  
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

APRIL 11, 1960.

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8:47 a.m.]