

**Cherokee Nation Code Annotated**

**Title 7: Buildings, Facilities and Land**

**Chapter 4: Cherokee Nation Council House and Capitol Complex District Public  
Wellness and Beautification Act of 2026**

**§ 402. Findings**

Cite as: 7 CNCA § 402

The Council of the Cherokee Nation finds that constructing a dedicated Council House serves the mutual interests of both the Legislative and Executive Branches by maximizing administrative efficiency and optimizing the use of tribal land and governmental resources at the seat of government. This initiative reflects the shared commitment of the Legislative and Executive Branches to the disciplined stewardship and efficient use of the Nation's fiscal and natural resources, ensuring that tribal assets are utilized to their highest and best use for the benefit of present and future generations of Cherokee citizens.

The Council further finds that consolidation of Council operations into a single, specialized structure will streamline legislative functions and provide a physical workspace reflective of the Council's status as a separate and co-equal branch of government under the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation. The relocation of Council operations will also vacate space within the W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex, enabling more efficient and effective administration of expanding tribal programs and services and promoting the highest and best use of existing infrastructure.

The Council recognizes that disciplined long-term planning, coordinated land-use quality control, and comprehensive development standards are essential to the orderly growth and preservation of the Cherokee Nation's governmental seat. The formal designation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District and the development of a non-binding Master Plan, as developed by the Principal Chief and subject to Council oversight, advance these objectives and reflect the Nation's fiduciary responsibility to preserve its lands and fiscal resources for generations yet to come.

The Council further finds that public health, cultural vitality, and community wellness are enhanced through coordinated beautification, recreation, restoration, and memorial projects authorized under this Act, which promote sustainable land stewardship, historic preservation, and long-term prosperity.

Historical Data

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