

## Quick Facts sheet- Monacan Constitution- Changes

### Things that are different in the proposed updated version of the constitution

- An end to the “three generations” rule for tribal enrollment so that enrollment reverts to descendency based on adequate legal documentation connecting an applicant to their ancestors.
- The inclusion of a lengthy ethics section that will help to more clearly define issues pertaining to expectations and requirements of elected officials and employees of the Monacan Indian Nation and the clear-cut consequences for those violating such expectations/ requirements.
- An equitable and reasonable way in which ALL Monacan citizens have the opportunity to give their input on major issues affecting their nation via participation in the general council while maintaining the integrity of the tribal council as the governing body of the nation.
- A change from a fifty mile to a one-hundred-mile radius residency requirement for those who wish to serve on tribal council.
- Constitutional protection for land owned prior to federal recognition, including Bear Mountain.
- A return to available seats on the tribal council for representatives of the historical satellite communities of the Monacan Indian Nation so that we take a more all-inclusive approach to governance involving our people.
- Internal mechanisms that strengthen the separation of powers between tribal government branches while simultaneously allowing for greater communication and working together between branches without compromising the integrative of each branch.
- New internal mechanisms that mandate greater transparency on the part of the tribal government as a whole.
- A reserved/residual powers section that ensures that sovereign powers are reserved and in no way limited by the interpretation of this constitution.