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CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TEXT TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE  
BY THE SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD  
[30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2)]

Chapter 19 – Traffic Regulations  
Section 1 – Interference with Snow Removal

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed amendment of the ordinance entitled "Chapter 19 Traffic Regulations, Section 1 Interference with Snow Removal" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

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Dated: March 1, 2018

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## CHAPTER 19

### Traffic Regulations

**Section 1. Interference with Snow Removal.** No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle under his control or registered in his name to stand or be parked in any public street or public right-of-way from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for a period of more than two hours when the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee has issued a winter storm parking ban, but notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall such standing or parking between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. be legal if it interferes with or hinders the plowing, loading or removal of snow from such public street or way. The winter storm ban notification will be placed on the Town's website, the Town's electronic signs and any other methods that the Town Manager or Town Manager's designee deems likely to notify the public of the parking ban, including, but not limited to local cable, television and radio stations. The Board of Selectpersons shall have the authority to change the date of November 1<sup>st</sup> to any day during the month of November but in no instance beyond the date of December 1<sup>st</sup> and also the date of April 15<sup>th</sup> but in no instance prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Chapter 10-A – Planning Board

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed amendment of the ordinance entitled "Chapter 10-A Planning Board" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

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Chapter 10-A  
~~The~~ Planning Board

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Section 2. Organization and Rules.

- (a) **Membership:** There shall be 5 members appointed by the Board of Selectpersons. Two ~~associate~~alternate members shall also be appointed to act in the absence of a regular member.

The officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary who shall be elected from among the membership for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

- (b) **Meetings:** The organizational meeting shall be held ~~the third Wednesday in June at 7:00 p.m.~~in July, after new members have been appointed, sworn in and a quorum is met. Regular monthly meetings shall be held on a day to be established annually at the organizational meeting of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may change the day and time of the monthly meetings, as circumstances may require, with a minimum of five (5) days' notice to the public. Meetings shall be held in ~~the conference room on the bottom floor of the Municipal Building or in another room in the Municipal Building if there is not adequate room for attendees, with notice being posted on the conference room door to notify the change of location.~~ All meetings are open to the public.

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Chapter 3 – Finance Committee

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

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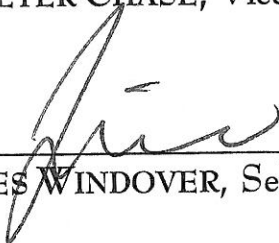
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CHAPTER 3  
Finance Committee

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**Section 4. Budget Meetings.** Upon receipt of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year from the Town Manager, the Committee shall hold as many budget meetings as are required to complete its budgetary work and submit their final recommendations at least ~~50~~60 days prior to the Secret Ballot Election to the Town Manager to give reasonable time for absentee ballots to be prepared. The Committee shall hold as many public meetings as they may require.

**Section 5. Hearings on Warrant.** The Committee shall hold a public hearing ~~during the month of April,~~ to consider and hear comment on the articles in the warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting.

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Chapter 36-C – Recall of Elected Officials


To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

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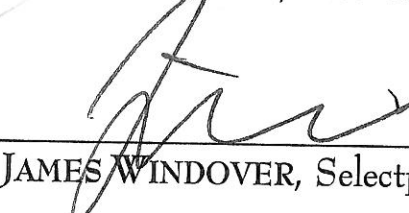
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Chapter 36-C  
Recall of Elected Officials

Section 1. Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to ~~Title 30-A~~  
MRSAM.R.S. §2602 (6).

Section 2. Applicability. Any elected official of the Town of Rumford, Maine, may be recalled and removed from office as herein provided for. The elected officials are Selectpersons, Assessors, Tax Collector, Town Clerk-Treasurer. This Ordinance does not apply to Directors of ~~MSAD 43~~Regional School Unit 10.

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Chapter 40 –Sign Ordinance

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed amendment of the ordinance entitled "Chapter 40 Sign Ordinance" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

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CHAPTER 40  
Temporary ~~Political and Yard Sale~~ Signs  
and Advertisement Banners Ordinance

**Section 1. ~~Political~~ Temporary Signs and Banners.** No political temporary signs or banners shall be posted on ~~the Island~~ the Town Hall or near the Information Booth. Signs and banners must not impair the view of the Rumford Falls from any location. They will not be allowed on Town owned property without the permission of the Town Manager. The time of placement of ~~political temporary~~ signs shall be governed by the State Statute and ~~removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the closing of the election voting hours~~ may only be placed up for a maximum time of 6 weeks per year unless another time limitation is provided below in Sections 2, 3 or 4 below.

**Section 2. ~~Yard Sale~~ Signs.** The time of placement shall not be more than ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ five (5) days before the yard sale and removed within ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ after the end of the sale. ~~The y~~Yard sale signs will not be allowed on Town owned property

**Section 3. Advertisement Banners.** When banners are used to advertise a charitable event, they may be hung ~~fourteen (14)~~ days prior to the event after notifying the Town Manager's Office, and removed the morning following the event. All exceptions must be approved by the Town Manager.

**Section 4. All Temporary Signs and Banners.** All signs and banners shall not exceed ~~500~~ 24 square inches, and banners shall not exceed 30 square feet. All temporary signs, other than yard sale sign on telephone posts, must be displayed on their own stakes. All signs and banners shall have the name, address and phone number of the person responsible for putting the sign or banner up and the date that the sign or banner was put up. ~~There shall be no alcoholic messages or logos allowed as part of any signs or banners covered by this ordinance.~~

**Section 5. All Other Temporary Signs.** All other temporary signs and banners that are posted to inform the public about public events, business or informational signs shall be posted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days with a ninety (90) day period in between postings. They will not be allowed on Town owned property.

**Section 56. Penalties.** A ten (10) dollar fine will be assessed for each day of noncompliance with any section of the ordinance. The ~~candidate entity,~~ or persons associated with the signs, shall be responsible for payment of the penalty. A violator found guilty by the Court shall be also responsible for the attorney's fees and costs of the Town.

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Chapter 43 – Changeable Message Sign Ordinance

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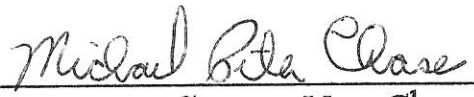
We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed amendment of the ordinance entitled “Chapter 43 Changeable Message Sign Ordinance” approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.


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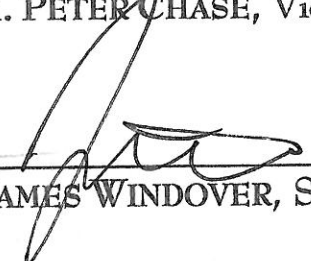
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## CHAPTER 43

### Changeable Message Sign Ordinance

**Section 1. Changeable Message Signs.** Changeable message signs are permitted provided that each message remains fixed on the display surface, but which may be changed at reasonable intervals by electronic process or remote control and do not include any flashing, intermittent or moving light or lights. Signs whose messages change by mechanical or electronic means are not prohibited as long as the intermittent lighting is used to change messages and not solely to attract attention.

#### Section 2. Definitions.

- A. “Electronic Message Sign (or Display)” - A sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures or images that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means.
  
- B. “Dissolve” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display accomplished by varying the light intensity or pattern, where the first message gradually appears to dissipate and lose legibility simultaneously with the gradual appearance and legibility of the second message.
  
- C. “Fade” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display accomplished by varying the light intensity, where the first message gradually reduces the intensity to the point of not being legible and the subsequent message gradually increases intensity to the point of legibility.
  
- D. “Footcandle” – is a measurement of light intensity and is defined as the illuminance on a one-square foot surface from a uniform source of light.
  
- E. “Frame” – A complete, static display screen on an Electronic Message Display.
  
- F. “Frame Effect” – A visual effect used on an Electronic Message Display to change from one message to another.

G. “Lux” - is the measurement of illumination in metric units.

H. “Scroll” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display where the message appears to move vertically across the display surface.

I. “Time & Temperature Sign” – A special type of changeable message sign that is capable of displaying only public service information such as time, date and temperature, but not words, symbols or other advertising messages.

J. “Travel” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display where the message appears to move horizontally across the display surface.

**Section 3. Permitted Uses.** The display on each side of a changeable sign may be changed according to one of the following rates depending on the zone where the sign is erected. Electronic changeable signs must be located on the premises of the applicant. Changeable signs are not permitted in residential zones as classified by the Code Enforcement Officer. Electronic Message Signs are permitted with the approval of the Code Enforcement Officer if the sign meets the following requirements set forth in this Ordinance:

A. **Level 1 Permitted in the Downtown Area to Include Waldo Street.** Static display (text & images) with a 3 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve and other such frame effects that do not have the appearance of moving text or images are allowed. Date, time and temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic changeable sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.

B. **Level 2 Permitted at the Hosmer Field Athletic Complex, Oxford County Arc Adult Activity Center and the River Valley Crossing.** Static display (text & images) with a 2 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve, and other such frame effects will be allowed. Frame effects may travel or scroll or have similar transitions

or change in size or be revealed sequentially rather than at once including the movement of illumination or the scintillation or varying of light intensity. Date, time & temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic changeable sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.

C. Level 3 Permitted in All Areas Owned by the Paper Mill to Exclude Canal Street. Static display (text & images) with a 3 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve, and other such frame effects that do not have the appearance of moving text or images are allowed. Date, time & temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic changeable sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.

D. Level 4. All areas that are not covered by level 1, 2 and 3 will be governed by the Code Enforcement Officer, Board of Selectpersons and Town Manager on an as need basis.

#### Section 4. Brightness.

A. Brightness levels shall be automatically adjusted to be 0.3 foot candles above ambient light levels, except foot candle brightness shall not exceed 0.3 foot candles at night.

B. Foot candles are the most common type of measurement used in the U.S. for the density of light that falls on a surface and is a measure of illumination produced by 1 candle at a distance of 1 foot on a 1 square foot area.

C. Lux is the measurement of illumination in metric units. 1 foot candle is equal to 10.76 lux.

D. Foot candles shall be measured at 5 feet above grade, using all white settings or the solid color for single-color signs.

- E. The illuminance of an Electronic Variable Message Sign shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure foot candles accurate to at least two decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off and then again with the sign displaying a white image for a full-color capable sign or the solid color for a single-color sign.
- F. Measurements shall be taken at the following distances from the sign:
1. Sign area of less than 300 square feet: 150 feet away.
  2. Sign area of 300 - 400 square feet: 200 feet away.
  3. Sign area of greater than 400 square feet: 250 feet away.
- G. Automatic dimmers to maintain brightness measurements are required.
- H. Light levels shall be confirmed by the applicant and submitted to the municipality in writing prior to approval of any electronic variable message sign.

Section ~~4~~5. Penalties. Except as otherwise provided by state law, violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished as follows:

- A. ~~1~~ First Violation - Written Warning;
- B. ~~2~~ Second Violation - by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each act of violation and every day upon which such a violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The maximum fine is \$1,000.00.
- C. ~~3~~ Third Violation - Prohibition to use the changeable sign for one (1) month.
- D. ~~4~~ Fourth Violation - Prohibition to use the changeable sign for six (6) months.
- E. ~~5~~ Fifth Violation - Removal of sign at owner's expense.

In addition to the above penalties in this section, the Town may enjoin or abate any violation of this Ordinance by appropriate court action. In the event that the Town shall prevail in any court action to enforce this Ordinance, the Town shall recover its costs of suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

Section 56. The requirement of this Ordinance shall complement the sign requirements contained in Chapter 54-A of these Ordinances.

Section 67. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its official adoption by the Town of Rumford.

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Chapter 25-H-Property Maintenance Ordinance

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed ordinance entitled "Chapter 25-H-Property Maintenance Ordinance" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration for enactment on June 12, 2018.


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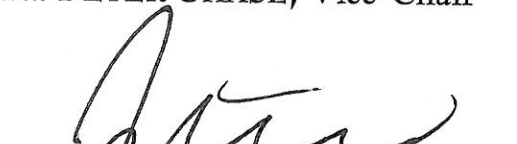
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CHAPTER 25-H  
Property Maintenance Ordinance

Section 1. Purpose and Scope. The purpose of this Ordinance is to set a minimum standard for the maintenance of the premises, surrounding areas of said premises, buildings, structures, vacant lots and access by public safety personnel in the event of an emergency or happenstance.

Section 2. Maintenance Standards for Premises and Yard Areas. All properties in the Town are subject to the following requirements:

- A. All premises and yard areas shall be kept maintained in a safe condition.
- B. All fences and gates surrounding a property shall be kept maintained in a good condition and functioning use.
- C. All yards or lots shall be kept free of accumulations of trash, garbage, refuse, junk or other material which may cause a hazard to public health, sanitation and safety or may act as a breeding place for vermin.
- D. All areas around vacant buildings shall be kept free of overgrowth of vegetation.
- E. Except as provided for by state statute or in other regulations, no inoperative motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled for a period of time greater than 180 days.
- F. Except as provided for by state statute or in other regulations, 2 or more unregistered vehicles on the property are not allowed for a period of time greater than 180 days.
- G. Anyone placing trash out at the street shall put trash into a trash can/receptacle with lids. Owners of rental properties and multifamily dwellings



shall provide trash cans/receptacles with lids for the occupants of their buildings for placement of their trash for trash disposal.

- H. Trash cans/receptacles shall not be placed out for curbside pickup more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the day before the scheduled pickup.
- I. No household furniture or appliances shall be placed outside for disposal unless it is during the scheduled spring clean up.
- J. All buildings shall be maintained to comply with the requirements of town ordinances and state statutes.

Section 3. Enforcement. The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Rumford shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. In the event of a violation, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner by serving a written notice by certified mail with return receipt requested, by first class mail with certificate of mailing or in hand at the premises. Said notice shall explain the nature of the violation and allow no more than thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the notice to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected within the required time allowed, the property owner shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Section 4.

Section 4. Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance after receiving notice of such violation pursuant to section 3 above shall be liable for civil penalty of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation as referenced in Maine State Law. In addition, the Town may pursue all remedies and reliefs available by law without limitations. A person convicted of a violation shall also be responsible for legal fees and costs of the Town in bringing prosecution of the violation.



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Chapter 56-Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed ordinance entitled "Chapter 56-Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration for enactment on June 12, 2018.

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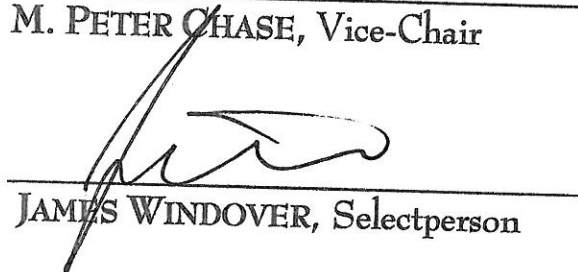
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CHAPTER 56  
Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance

Section 1. Title. This ordinance, adopted by the Town of Rumford, (hereinafter "the Town"), shall be known and may be cited as the "Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance."

Section 2. Preamble.

- A. We, the People of the Town have the right to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume local foods thus promoting self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions. We recognize that family farms; sustainable agricultural practices; and food processing by individuals, families, and non-corporate entities offer stability to our rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental, and social wealth of our community. As such, our right to a local food system requires us to assert our inherent right to self-government. We recognize the authority to protect that right as belonging to the Town.
- B. We have faith in our citizens' ability to educate themselves and make informed decisions. We hold that certain federal and state regulations unnecessarily impede local food production and constitute a usurpation of our citizens' right to foods of their choice. We support food that fundamentally respects human dignity and health; nourishes individuals and the community; and sustains producers, processors, and the environment. We are therefore duty bound under the Constitution of the State of Maine to protect and promote reasonably unimpeded access to local foods.

Section 3. Purpose. It is the policy of this State to encourage food self-sufficiency for its citizens. The purpose of the Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance is to:

- A. Through local control, preserve the ability of individuals and communities to save and exchange seed, to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods;
- B. Ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional food-ways through

- C. small-scale farming, food production, and community social events;  
Improve the health and well-being of citizens of this State by reducing hunger and increasing food security through unimpeded access to wholesome, nutritious foods by encouraging ecological farming;
- D. Promote self-reliance and personal responsibility by ensuring the ability of individuals, families and other entities to prepare, process, advertise, and sell foods directly to customers intended solely for consumption by the customers or their families;
- E. Enhance rural economic development and the environmental and social wealth of rural communities; and
- F. Protect access to local food through direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

Section 4. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the meanings stated below:

- A. DIRECT PRODUCER-TO-CONSUMER TRANSACTION: A face-to-face transaction of local food or food products within a local food system between a producer or processor and a patron by barter, trade or purchase at the site of production of those food or food products.
- B. LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM: A food system that integrates food production, processing, consumption, direct producer-to-consumer transactions, and traditional food-ways to enhance the environmental, economic, social, and physical health of the municipality and its residents.
- C. LOCAL FOOD: Any food or food product that is grown, produced, processed, or prepared by individuals who exchange that food directly with patrons in a face-to-face transaction at the site of production of those food or food products.
- D. PATRON: An informed individual who acquires local food directly from a processor or producer.
- E. PROCESSOR: An individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food or drink.
- F. PRODUCER: A farmer or gardener who grows or raises any plant or animal

for food or drink.

- G. TRADITIONAL FOODWAYS: The cultural, social, and economic practices related to the production and consumption of food and the conveying of knowledge regarding food production and preparation.

Section 5. Authority. This ordinance is adopted and enacted pursuant to the inherent, inalienable, and fundamental right of the citizens of the Town to self-government, and under the authority recognized as belonging to the people of the Town by all relevant state and federal laws including, but not limited to the following:

- A. The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, which declares that governments are instituted to secure peoples' rights, and that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.
- B. Article I, §2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, which declares *inter alia*: "all power is inherent in the people; all free governments are founded in their authority and instituted for their benefit, [and that] they have therefore an unalienable and indefeasible right to institute government and to alter, reform, or totally change the same when their safety and happiness require it."
- C. Article VIII, Part Second of the Constitution of the State of Maine, which establishes Home Rule: "The inhabitants of any municipality shall have the power to alter and amend their charters on all matters, not prohibited by Constitution or general law, which are local and municipal in character."
- D. §1-A of Title 7 of the Maine Revised Statutes, which states *inter alia*: "The survival of the family farm is of special concern to the people of the State, and the ability of the family farm to prosper, while producing an abundance of high quality food and fiber, deserves a place of high priority in the determination of public policy. For this purpose there is established the Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Conservation."
- E. §1-B of Title 7 of the Maine Revised Statutes, which states *inter alia*: "... the preservation of rural life and values in the State [is] to be the joint responsibility of all public agencies, local, state and federal, whose policies and

programs substantially impact the economy and general welfare of people who reside in rural Maine, such as the development and implementation of programs that assist in the maintenance of family farms . . . and improve health and nutrition.”

- F. §284 of Title 7, Chapter 8-F, Maine Food Sovereignty Act, which states *inter alia*: “a municipality may adopt ordinances regarding direct producer-to-consumer transactions and the State shall recognize such ordinances by not enforcing those state food laws with respect to those direct producer-to-consumer transactions that are governed by the ordinance.”
- G. §3001 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, which implements Home Rule and grants municipalities all powers necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town where those powers have been conferred on the towns by the Legislature or not otherwise limited.

#### Section 6. Statements of Law.

- A. Right to Self-Governance. Citizens the Town have the right to a form of governance which recognizes that all power is inherent in the people, that all free governments are founded on the people’s authority and consent.
- B. Right to Acquire and Produce Food. Citizens of the Town possess the right to save and exchange seed and to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume local foods of their choosing.
- C. Exemption from Licensure and Inspection. The producers and processors of local food intended for direct producer-to-consumer transactions in the Town governed by this ordinance shall be exempt from state licensure and inspection. In accordance with Section 284 of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the State of Maine shall not enforce those state food laws, rules or regulations with respect to those transactions as defined in Section 3 above. The transactions enumerated in Section 3 are governed by this ordinance and provide the context otherwise indicated as stated in Section 282 of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.



D. Meat and Poultry. This ordinance is not applicable to any meat or poultry products that are required to be produced or processed in compliance with the Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection Program pursuant to the requirements of 7 M.R.S. § 285.

Section 7. Civil Enforcement. Any individual citizen of the Town shall have standing to enforce any rights secured by this ordinance which have been threatened or contested by any person, whether natural or juridical, and may seek relief both in the form of injunctive and compensatory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 8. Effect. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

Section 9. Severability Clause. To the extent any provision of this ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be removed and the balance of the ordinance shall remain valid.

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CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TEXT OF A PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO CHARTER  
BY THE SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD  
[30-A M.R.S. § 2104]

Proposed Amendment of  
Charter Article IV  
Promulgation of Ordinances and Charter Amendments

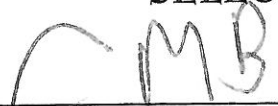
To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:


We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an AMENDMENT to the Charter regarding Charter Article IV Promulgation of Ordinances and Charter Amendments, Section 1 Ordinances approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2104, you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed charter amendment as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the Town Polling Places on the day of the vote.

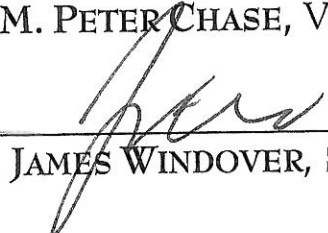
Dated: March 1, 2018

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ARTICLE IV  
PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCES AND CHARTER  
AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. Ordinances.** The Board of Selectpersons shall hold 2 public hearings during the months of February and ~~September~~July, for the purpose of receiving proposals for articles relating to new Ordinances or to amendment of or elimination of existing Ordinances, to be included in the warrant for the next Town annual referendum in June or for the November election. Notice of such hearings, and the procedure with relation to such proposals, shall be the same as provided in section 5, of Article III of this Charter.



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AMENDMENT TO CHARTER  
BY THE SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD  
[30-A M.R.S. § 2104]

Proposed Amendment of  
Charter Article VI  
Qualifications and Nomination of Elective Officers

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an AMENDMENT to the Charter regarding Charter Article VI **Qualifications and Nomination of Elective Officers, Section 2 Nomination** approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2104, you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed charter amendment as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the Town Polling Places on the day of the vote.

Dated: March 1, 2018

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ARTICLE VI  
QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATION OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

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**Section 2. Nomination.** Nomination for election to such office shall be by petition or petitions filed with the Town Clerk preceding a Town meeting called for such purpose, and the Clerk shall note thereon the date and hour of filing. Such petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk ~~no sooner than 60 days and not later than 45 days prior to such~~ on or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day before election day.

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AMENDMENT TO CHARTER  
BY THE SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD  
[30-A M.R.S. § 2104]

Proposed Amendment of  
Charter Article XI  
Town Clerk-Treasurer and Tax Collector-Constable

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an AMENDMENT to the Charter regarding Charter Article XI Town Clerk-Treasurer and Tax Collector-Constable, Section 3 approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on June 12, 2018.

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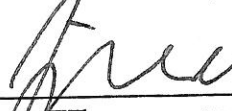
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ARTICLE XI  
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR-CONSTABLE

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**Section 3. Training.** The Town Clerk-Treasurer~~Clerk~~ and Tax Collector-Constable shall attend the annual training workshop for their respective positions offered by the State of Maine or Maine Municipal Association.