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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 21-B - Curbside Recycling

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 **AChapter 21-B - Curbside Recycling@** approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on November 6, 2018.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. ' 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance 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 Meeting/Polling Places on the day of the vote.

Dated: August 16, 2018

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD



CHRISTOPHER BRENNICK, Chair **M. PETER CHASE**, Vice-Chair

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CHAPTER 21-B
Curbside Recycling, Recycling of Organic Waste and
Residential Curbside Pick-Up

Section 1.1 Purpose. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, charitable organization or corporation to dispose of recyclable solid waste in any manner inconsistent with appropriate rules established by the Rumford Board of Selectpersons.

Section 1.2. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Selectpersons are hereby authorized to establish such rules and regulations concerning the disposal and collection of recyclable materials found in the municipal solid waste stream, and to amend such rules and regulations as needed to comply with any recycling program approved by the Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board as recycling equipment becomes available or as new materials are able to be recycled. A copy of said rules and regulations and any amendments thereto, shall be kept on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Section 2. Definitions.

Paper Recyclables. These are materials which are made out of paper or cardboard and can be recycled.

Plastic Recyclables. These are materials which are made out of plastic and can be recycled.

Yard Waste and Wood Waste Recyclables. Organic material, including, but not limited to, tree and plant detritus, limbs, branches, logs, leaves, wood chips, brush, stumps, lumber, bark, shavings, slabs, edgings, sawdust, grass clippings and any other plant or vegetative materials that are not part of a farm operation as defined in 17 M.R.S. § 2805(1)(B). These materials shall not be mixed with other materials or have paint or non-organic materials on them or mixed with them.

Solid Waste. Materials that are not recyclable, but are refuse from residential living, but does not include household furniture, appliances or building materials or demolition of building materials.

Section 3. Curbside Pick-up. Solid Waste, including recycling materials, shall continue to be picked Pick-up from all residential properties within the Town of Rumford shall be as follows:

3.1. The Town shall provide suitable recycling containers to all residents in accordance with a plan which shall be adopted by the Board of Selectpersons.

3.2. The plan shall address goals for recycling as well as an education program designed to maximize participation from all Rumford residents.

~~The effective date of this chapter shall be March 1, 1992.~~

3.3. No unauthorized person shall remove, add to, tamper with, or take possession of recycling materials placed or set out for collection or located at any recycling facility or location established by the Board of Selectpersons.

3.4. Yard waste and/or wood waste recyclables are designated as compostable materials. If such materials are not composted on the lot or lots where generated, such materials must be transported to the Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Center in Mexico, Maine for composting or arrangements for composting may be made by agreement with the owner of another location in compliance with any rules and regulations established the Board of Selectpersons and all local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding composting such materials. No yard waste or wood waste shall be included in curbside pick-up as normal household trash during regularly scheduled residential trash pick-up days.

3.5 If a Spring Clean-Up is scheduled by the Town, yard waste and wood waste may be included for curbside pick-up by the Town so long as the schedule and guidelines for Spring Clean-Up are followed.

Section 4. Burning of Waste Materials. Except for waste facilities licensed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, it shall be unlawful for any person to start, kindle, fuel, cause or allow the open burning or incineration of any solid waste within the Town other than trees, tree limbs and other wood waste. No solid waste shall be burned or incinerated within the Town without appropriate Town permits.

Section 5. Leaves in Street. It is not permitted for anyone to place leaves in any Town street or public right of way.

Section 36. All provisions of this chapter are enforceable by duly authorized police officers, the Code Enforcement Officer and the municipal officers.

Section 47. Any person, partnership, charitable organization or corporation who violates this Chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty, payable to the Municipality, of not more than \$100.00 for each violation. Each day of a violation shall be considered a separate violation. Such person, partnership, charitable organization or corporation shall also be liable for court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Town of Rumford.

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[30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2)]

Chapter 25-E Abandoned Buildings

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 25-E Abandoned Buildings" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on November 6, 2018.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance 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 Meeting/Polling Places on the day of the vote.

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CHAPTER 25-E Vacant~~Abandoned~~ Buildings

Section 1. Purpose.

A. Vacant ~~or abandoned~~ properties, particularly residential properties, create and pose significant and costly problems for the Town. These properties often become a drain on the Town budget and detract from the quality of life of a neighborhood and the Town as a whole. Vacant ~~or abandoned~~ buildings are an impediment to neighborhood redevelopment and rehabilitation, decrease property values, and prevent neighborhood stabilization. These structures are unsightly, often structurally unsound or otherwise dangerous, attract criminal activity, and otherwise create a threat to public health, safety and welfare of neighboring properties and the general public.

B. A significant obstacle in providing effective and prompt enforcement of Town ordinances or other applicable laws, as they relate to a property owner's responsibilities for vacant ~~or abandoned~~ buildings, is the inability to contact the owners of ~~vacant~~~~abandoned~~ properties. These buildings are often also the subjects of foreclosure actions by lien holders, which take considerable time to resolve.

C. Certain categories of vacant ~~or abandoned~~ properties, such as homes of seasonal residents or members of the armed forces on active duty deployment, are exempt from the registry requirements of this ordinance.

D. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a just, equitable and practicable method for identifying, managing and responding to the numerous issues associated with vacant ~~or abandoned~~ buildings. This ordinance is intended to prevent or mitigate dangers to health, safety and welfare, promote responsible management, provide a safe neighborhood for residents, safeguard property values, expedite housing repairs, and provide for prompt contact with owners or managers by police, fire and code enforcement when issues or emergencies develop.

Section 2. Definitions.

A. If a term is not defined in this ordinance, it shall have its customary dictionary meaning.

B. For the purpose of interpreting this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have following meanings:

OWNER shall mean any person, agent, firm, corporation or other legal entity having a legal or equitable interest in a vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building, including but not limited to a mortgagee in possession, the beneficiary of a trust, or the holder of a life estate.

PROPERTY MANAGER shall mean a Maine-based entity, corporation, or individual or the designee of the owner that is responsible for maintaining, securing, and inspecting vacant ~~or abandoned~~ buildings.

VACANT ~~or abandoned~~ BUILDING shall mean any building or other structure that is unoccupied and/or unmaintained for 90 days or more or is found to be occupied by any unauthorized persons. Buildings owned by parties identified in Section 1(c) above are not included in this definition.

Section 3. Applicability.

A. This ordinance applies to all vacant ~~or abandoned~~ buildings located within the Town of Rumford.

B. Notwithstanding any portion of this ordinance, this ordinance does not apply to primary residences of members of the armed forces on active duty, or residences of persons on extended vacations or seasonal living arrangements with the intention to make use of the property, unless the property is not maintained to the maintenance standard in Section 7.

C. Commercial properties which are code compliant and are maintained in accordance with Section 7 shall be exempt from the registration process.

Section 4. Registration Required.

A. The owner of a vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building must obtain a vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building registration permit for the period during which it is vacant.

B. When a building or structure becomes vacant ~~or abandoned~~ as defined in this ordinance, the owner of the building must apply for and obtain a vacant building

registration permit and pay any fee within 90 days of the building becoming vacant.

C. Upon transfer of ownership of any vacant building, a new vacant building registration permit must be obtained pursuant to Section 5.

D. Standard Vacant Building Registration Permit.

- (1) The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a standard vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building registration permit upon being satisfied that the building has been inspected and is in compliance with the vacant building maintenance standards set forth in this ordinance.
- (2) A standard vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building registration permit is valid for 1 year from the date of approval.
- (3) The Code Enforcement Officer, upon issuance of any permit in this ordinance, shall provide a copy of the permit to the Police Chief, and Fire Chief of the Town.

E. Interim Vacant ~~or abandoned~~ Building Inspection Permit.

- (1) If a vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building is inspected and determined not to meet one or more of the maintenance standards in this ordinance, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue an order for any work needed to bring the property into compliance with this ordinance.
- (2) When issuing orders under Subsection D (1), the Code Enforcement Officer shall specify the time for completion of the work. The order will act as an interim vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building registration permit, the duration of which will be for the time set forth in the order. No interim registration permit may be effective for a period of more than 6 months.
- (3) All work done pursuant to this ordinance must be done in compliance with the applicable building, fire prevention, fire and life safety and zoning codes.

F. Upon the expiration of a vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building registration permit, if the building or structure is still vacant ~~or abandoned~~, the owner must arrange for an

inspection of the building and premises with the Code Enforcement Officer, Police and Fire Officials, and renew the permit within 10 days of expiration. All permit renewals shall be subject to all conditions and obligations imposed by this ordinance and any previous permits unless expressly exempted.

Section 5. Permit Application.

A. Application by the owner of a vacant building or structure for a vacant building registration permit must be made on a form provided by the Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must disclose all measures to be taken to ensure that the building will be kept weather tight and secure from trespassers, safe for entry of police officers and firefighters in times of exigent circumstances or emergency, and together with its premises, be free from nuisance and in good order in conformance with vacant building maintenance standards (as set forth below in Section 7), and other codes adopted by the Town of Rumford.

B. The application shall include a "statement of intent." The statement of intent shall include information as to the expected period of vacancy (including the date of vacancy), the plan for regular maintenance during the vacancy to comply with the maintenance safety requirements of this subsection and a plan and timeline for the lawful occupancy, rehabilitation, removal or demolition of the structure.

C. The application shall include a list of persons authorized to be present in the building, along with a statement that any persons not listed shall be considered trespassers. The owner shall update the authorized person list as needed.

D. Contact Information. The application shall include the following:

- (1) The name, street address, telephone number and e-mail address of an individual designated by the owner or owners of the vacant ~~or abandoned~~ building as the authorized agent for receiving notices of code violations and for receiving process in any court proceeding or administrative enforcement proceeding in connection with the enforcement of this ordinance regarding the vacant building.
- (2) The name of any property manager responsible for management and maintenance of the property, along with their 24 hour-a-day contact information.

- (3) The name of any bank/lender/lien holder with an interest in the property and its contact information, including the mailing address of the bank/lender/lien holder.
- (4) If any contact information required under this subsection changes or becomes out-of-date, the owner must notify the Code Enforcement Officer in writing within 30 days of such change.
- (5) A fee, as established by the Select Board in the *Schedule of License, Permit, Application and Other Fees*, shall be charged for a vacant building registration permit or interim permit. No fee shall be charged upon the renewal of such permits. A fee must be paid at the time of application. No permit shall be issued prior to payment of the permit fee. If an owner has secured all the duly required permits to demolish the building or structure, no fee is required if the building or structure is in fact demolished within 90 days of becoming vacant; should this 90 day period expire, the fee becomes due immediately.

Section 6. Inspection.

A. Upon and at the time of application, the owner of a vacant building or structure shall arrange for an inspection of the premises by the Code Enforcement Officer. The purpose of such inspection is to determine and ensure compliance with vacant building maintenance standards in Section 7. The Code Enforcement Officer may bring Fire Officials on the inspection.

Section 7. Vacant Building Maintenance Standards.

An owner of a vacant building must adequately protect it from intrusion by trespassers and from deterioration by the weather. A vacant building shall be deemed adequately protected from intrusion by trespassers and from deterioration by the weather if it satisfies the following vacant building maintenance standards:

A. Building Openings. Doors, windows, areaways and other openings must be weather tight and secured against entry by birds, vermin and trespassers. Missing or broken doors, windows and other such openings must be covered by glass or other rigid materials which are weather protected and tightly fitted and secured to the opening.

Bare or unprotected wood is not permissible. Weather protection shall be achieved through painting, siding, shingles, etc. Plastic sheeting and/or tarps shall not be permitted as a means of protecting openings.

B. Roofs. The roof and flashings shall appear to be structurally sound and tight. Roofs must be weather tight and structurally sound to support expected loads.

C. Drainage. Any building storm drainage system shall be functional and installed in an approved manner and allow discharge in an approved manner.

D. Public Health. The building and premises shall be free from excessive vegetation, vermin, debris, rubbish and garbage, including, but not limited to, any combustible waste and refuse. The building shall be sanitary.

E. Structural Members. The structural members shall be free of deterioration and capable of safely bearing imposed dead and live loads.

F. Foundation Walls. The foundation walls shall be structurally sound so as not to pose a threat to public health and safety and shall be capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

G. Exterior Walls. The exterior walls shall be free of holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials. Exposed metal, wood, or other surfaces shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust.

I. Overhanging Extensions. All balconies, canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, stairways, fire escapes, standpipes, exhaust ducts and similar features shall be in good repair, anchored, safe and sound.

J. Chimneys and Towers. Chimneys, cooling towers, smokestacks and similar appurtenances shall be structurally safe and in good repair.

K. Walkways. Walkways shall be safe for pedestrian travel.

L. Accessory and Appurtenant Structures. Accessory and appurtenant structures such as garages, sheds and fences shall be free from safety, health and fire hazards and shall comply with these vacant building maintenance standards.

M. The owner of a vacant building or structure must comply with all building, fire, life safety, zoning and other applicable codes, ordinances or state and federal law and must apply for any building, fire prevention, fire and life safety and zoning permits necessary to perform work required by this ordinance. A sole failure to comply with these standards shall not be grounds for a work order or denial of an application if the other standards of this ordinance are met.

Section 8. Violations and Penalties

Any person who is found to be in violation of any provision or requirement of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty as set forth in 30-A M.R.S. § 4452. Fines shall be no less than \$100 and no more than \$2,500 for each offense. Each violation of a separate provision of this ordinance and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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Chapter 30-C Domestic Animals: Regulation and Enforcement

To: **BETH BELLEGARDE**, *Town Clerk*:

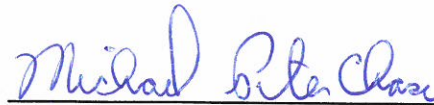
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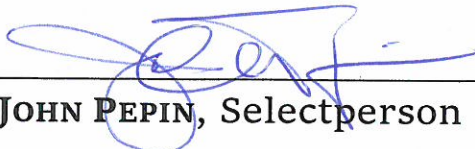




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CHAPTER 30-C
Domestic Animals: Regulation and Enforcement

Section 1. Definitions.

As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates:

- A. **“Domestic Animal”** shall mean any animal kept within the Town limits of Rumford and shall include, but not be limited to, dogs, cats, ferrets, wildlife hybrids or livestock.
- B. **“Dog”** shall mean any domesticated canine animal kept within the Town limits of Rumford.
- C. **“Cat”** shall mean any domesticated feline animal kept within the Town limits of Rumford.
- D. **“Pet”** shall mean a dog, cat or other domesticated animal commonly kept as a companion, but does not include tamed animals that are ordinarily considered wild animals or livestock.
- E. **“Impoundment Fees”** shall mean any and all Fees as described in Town’s Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees.
- F. **“Owner”** shall mean any person or persons, firm association or corporation owning, or keeping, harboring or in possession of, or having the control of a domestic animal.

- G. **“At Large”** shall mean a dog off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the “owner” or a member of his immediate family or a person left in charge of the dog, either by leash, cord, or chain.
- H. **“Kennel”** shall be defined as it is defined under 7 M.R.S. § 3907.
- I. **“Leash”** shall mean a leash, cord, chain, or other comparable material which must be of a gauge suitable for controlling said dog and shall not be longer than six feet.
- J. **“Service Dog”** A service dog is a guide dog or signal dog, which has been individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability and is partnered with a disabled person. Dogs, whose sole function is the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort or companionship, are not considered service dogs. The crime deterrent effects of a dog’s presence do not qualify a dog as a service dog and a dog individually trained to provide aggressive protection, such as an attack dog, is not appropriately considered a service dog.
- K. **“Household”** shall mean the same dwelling place or residence where a group of people live together. Examples of a household can be an apartment, a house, a flat or a room in a boarding home.
- L. **“Wolf hybrid”** shall mean a mammal that is the offspring of the reproduction between any species of wild canid or wild canid hybrid and a domestic dog or wild canid hybrid. **“Wolf hybrid”** includes a mammal that is represented by its owner to be a wolf hybrid, coyote hybrid, coy dog or any other kind of wild canid hybrid.
- M. **“Nuisance”** shall mean the failure to properly control or dispose of animal waste on the property of a person or persons or corporation owning animals within the Town or failure to

control said animals in a manner that does not unreasonably intrude on the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of persons residing on adjacent properties. This ordinance section does not apply to properties or operations protected by the Maine Agricultural Protection Act (7 M.R.S. § 151 et seq.).

- N. “Chicken Pen” shall mean a wire enclosure connected to a henhouse for the purpose of allowing chickens to leave the henhouse while remaining in an enclosed predator-safe environment.
- O. “Henhouse” shall mean a structure for the sheltering of female chickens.

Section 2. Licensing Required.

- A. No dog may be kept within the Town limits of Rumford, unless the dog has been licensed by its owner or keeper in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. Dogs must be current with all required shots under Maine state law before they will be licensed in the Town.
- B. In addition to all the Maine Animal Welfare Laws Dealing With Dog and Kennel Licensing [7 M.R.S. §§ 3921 - 3939B], any person or persons who have previously licensed a dog within the State of Maine, and who have knowingly or unknowingly let one or more years lapse without renewing a license for the same dog, shall be charged back fees for each year the dog was kept unlicensed within the Town limits of Rumford. Back license fees shall be in the amount of the dog license fees in effect at the time the back fees are being charged. No additional late fees will be charged with any back fees.
- C. Any person who harbors a dog who was over the age of six (6) months of age as of April 1st of the previous year shall pay to the Town license fees for each year that the dog was over the age of six (6) months in addition to the current year’s licensing fee before the dog will be licensed in the Town.

- D. A dog which qualifies as a service dog, as defined in this Ordinance, and for whom the owner can provide a certificate of training and a current rabies vaccination will be given a service dog license at no charge.

Section 3. Number of Dogs and Cats Limited.

- A. **Dogs:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep or harbor within the Town limits more than three (3) dogs over six (6) months old on April 1st in or about any premises occupied by any one (1) family without an inspection of the premises and the dogs by the Animal Control Officer and the written approval of the Animal Control Officer stating that the premises at which the dogs will be kept is sufficient for the maintenance of four (4) or more dogs and that the dogs will not disturb the peace and tranquility of the neighbors of the household where the dogs will be kept. No more than four (4) dogs may be kept in any one household without obtaining a kennel license, if applicable, pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance. The Animal Control Officer shall have the right to inspect the circumstances of the dogs and their living arrangements on an annual basis prior to the Town's issuance of licenses for four (4) or more dogs in one household.
- B. **Cats:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep or harbor within the Town limits more than 10 cats in their home or on their property at any time. In the event that a female cat is pregnant, the kittens shall be sold or given away to new caretakers within ninety (90) days of the birth of the kittens.
- C. ~~Persons found to be harboring four (4) or more dogs without proper authorization are subject to the penalties in Section 17 of this Ordinance.~~ Persons found to be harboring more dogs or cats than allowed by this Section without proper authorization are subject to the penalties in Section 17 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Kennel Licensure.

- A. Any person or persons, keeping or harboring within Town limits, five (5) or more dogs over the age of six (6) months on April 1st in or about any premises occupied by any one (1) household, must put in a request for a kennel license at the Town Clerk's office. Applicants must meet State of Maine requirements for a kennel license, and if they do not qualify, must license all dogs individually after inspection and written authorization from the Animal Control Officer.

- B. In order to be granted a kennel license, an owner of five (5) or more dogs must submit the fee established by the State of Maine pursuant to the Animal Welfare Laws of the State of Maine and submit a completed application for a kennel license in the Town Clerk's Office and establish that:
 - 1. The dogs are kept and used for the purpose of breeding, hunting, show, training, field trials, sledding, competition or exhibition.

 - 2. Any property where the kennel is located is owned by the owner of the dogs. If the property where the kennel is located is being rented or leased by the dog owner, a copy of the written permission for such kennel from the landlord must be given to the Town Clerk along with the application.

 - 3. The kennel location is not a duplex or an apartment building where more than one (1) family resides.

- C. After submitting the application, the applicant for a kennel license must contact the Animal Control Officer to arrange a time and day for the Animal Control Officer to visit and inspect the location, grounds and structure where the dogs will be kept. No license will be issued by the Town until the Animal Control Officer has inspected and approved the proposed kennel location.

- D. The Animal Control Officer shall be the sole authority to issue a kennel license. The Animal Control Officer also has the authority to revoke any existing kennel license of an existing kennel. Refusal to issue a license or revocation of an existing license shall be for the following grounds:
1. Improper or inadequate structure;
 2. Improper or inadequate ventilation;
 3. Inadequate or cramped conditions;
 4. Inadequate bedding materials;
 5. Inadequate temperature control;
 6. Nuisance noise/barking conditions which violate Section 6 of this Ordinance;
 7. Failure to comply with state law; and
 8. Other good cause.

An owner will be hand-delivered by the Animal Control Officer or sent by the Animal Control Officer, by first class mail with certificate of mailing, a written copy of the grounds for failure to issue or revocation of a license at the address provided on the application of the owner. A revocation of a license may be hand-delivered to the owner by the Animal Control Officer.

The owner will be given 10 days to correct the situation(s) listed in the written notification. The owner must contact the Animal Control Officer for a date and time of re-inspection. Upon a second inspection, if the Animal Control Officer finds that there is still a failure to comply, the owner will again be given a written copy of the violations found. The owner will have another ten (10) day period to make the corrections.

The owner will be entitled to a third inspection, which he or she must request from the Animal Control Officer. If the Animal Control Officer finds failure to comply with the requested corrections, the owner requesting a kennel license will be denied for that year and may not make another request for a kennel until the following January licensing period. An owner whose license was revoked shall similarly not be eligible for applying for a license until the next year after a failed third inspection.

- E. In the event that an owner is denied kennel license after the third inspection, or has his or her license revoked, the owner must license individually any dogs he or she possesses, with the written authorization of the Animal Control Officer as detailed in Section 3 of this ordinance. In event that the Animal Control Officer does not give written authorization for dogs in excess of the limits established in this Ordinance, any excess dogs must be removed permanently from the premises by selling, giving away or humanely disposing of the additional dogs.
- F. Persons found to be harboring four (4) or more dogs without proper kennel licensing or without written approval of the Animal Control Officer are subject to all of the penalties contained in Section 17 of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Running At Large.

- A. No person shall cause or permit any dog owned or kept by him to run at large within the town limits. Dogs while on any public way or place shall be under restraint within the meaning of this Ordinance, if the dog is controlled by a leash, or on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the street, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to require the leashing of any dog while on owner's premises.

- B. A leash shall *not* be more than six feet long. Any dog that is being walked on a leash on any public way or place shall not be under the control of a child unless that child is of suitable size to be able to completely control the dog.

Section 6. Barking or Howling Dog. No owner or person having custody of any dog within the legal limits of the Town shall keep or maintain a dog which creates a nuisance by continued or repeated barking, howling, making of other loud or unusual noises, or in any other manner disturbing the peace of any person. A person who keeps or maintains a dog who's barking or howling can be heard at or beyond the boundary of the property on which the dog is located violates this section. This section shall not apply to agricultural working dogs as defined in 7 M.R.S. § 3950(1).

Section 7. Proper Outside Facilities for Dog House. It shall be unlawful for any owner as defined within this Ordinance who shelters a dog or dogs out of doors within the Town limits to provide any less than the minimum standards set forth by 7 M.R.S. § 4015, as amended.

Section 8. Tethering of Animals.

- A. When domestic animals are confined by a chain or similar device, the chain shall be attached to both the domestic animal and the anchor by a swivel or similar device so the chain will not become entangled or twisted. The chain or similar device shall be attached to a well fitting collar or harness that in no way cuts into the domestic animals flesh or impinges the circulation of the domestic animal or impairs its ability to ingest food or water or to vocalize.
- B. The gauge of the chain shall be appropriate for the size of the animal involved and the chain shall be at least five (5) times the length of the animal from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, except in the case of dogs which are bred and trained as sled dogs. For sled dogs, the length of the chain shall be not less than 1 ½ times the length of the dog from the tip of its

nose to the base of its tail if tied on a pivot or 3 times the length of the dog from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail if tied to a stationary point.

- C. Multiple domestic animals confined by a chain or similar device shall be kept far enough apart to prevent the restraining devices from becoming entangled.
- D. Dogs that are tethered at a pivot point permitting a 360 degree area of movement will be 2 ½ times the length of the dog from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail.
- E. As prescribed by Maine State Animal Welfare Laws pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 4015 or a successor statute, no domestic animal may be confined in a building, enclosure, car, boat, vehicle or vessel of any kind, when extreme heat or extreme cold will be harmful to its health.

Section 9. Chickens. This section shall not pertain to farming operations protected by the Maine Agricultural Protection Act (7 M.R.S. § 151 et seq.).

A. Number and Type of Permitted Chickens.

- (1) The maximum number of chickens allowed is 15 per lot regardless of how many dwelling units on the lot.
- (2) Only female chickens are allowed. There is no restriction on chicken species.

B. Enclosures.

- (1) Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at times. During daylight hours, chickens may be allowed outside of their chicken pens in a securely fenced yard. Chickens shall be secured within the henhouse during non-daylight hours.

- (2) Enclosures must be clean, dry and odor-free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact.
- (3) The henhouse and chicken pen must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and both must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats.

C. Henhouses.

- (1) A henhouse shall be provided and shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood.
 - a. The structures shall be enclosed on the sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows and thence must be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire of less than 1 inch openings.
 - b. The structure shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal or similar materials is prohibited. The henhouse shall be well-maintained.
 - c. Thus structure shall be painted; the color shall be uniform around the structure and shall be in harmony with the surrounding area.
- (2) Henhouses shall only be located in rear yards, for corner lots or other property where no rear yard exist, a side yard

may be used as long as the set backs generally applicable are met. In no case may a henhouse be placed in the front yard.

- (3) Henhouses and chicken pens shall be located at least 25 feet from residences on same and abutting lots.

D. Chicken Pens.

- (1) An enclosed chicken pen must be provided consisting of sturdy wire fencing buried at least 3 inches into the ground. The pen must be covered with wire, aviary netting or solid roofing.

a. Odors from chickens, chicken manure or other chicken-related substances shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries.

b. Perceptible noise from chickens shall not be loud enough at the property boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

- (2) Lighting. Only motion-activated lighting may be used to light the exterior of the henhouse.

E. Creditors, Residents, Insects and Parasites. The property owner shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of creditors and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation shall be removed by the Animal Control Officer.

F. Feed and Water. Chickens must be provided access to feed and clean water at times; such feed and water shall be unavailable to residents, wild birds and predators.

G. Water Storage and Removal. Provision must be made for the storage and removal of chicken manure. All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. No more than 3 ft.³ of manure shall be stored. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. In addition, the henhouse, chicken pen and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Uneaten feed shall be removed in a timely manner.

H. Removal of Chickens; Disposal of Dead Chickens.

(1) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be grounds for an order from the Code Enforcement Officer, to the Animal Control Officer to remove the chickens and the chicken-related structures by the owner at the owner's expense. The Health Officer or Animal Control Officer may also order the removal of the chickens upon a determination that the chickens pose a health risk.

(2) If a chicken dies, it must be disposed of promptly in a sanitary manner.

Section 10. Rabies.

A. The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall, upon demand, be surrendered to the Animal Control Officer.

B. The Animal Control Officer shall direct the disposition of any animal found to be infected by rabies.

C. No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any animal for disposition by the Animal Control Officer as required herein when demand is made therefor by the Animal Control Officer.

D. Cats: All cats shall be vaccinated in accordance with state law. An owner or the keeper of any such cat shall produce the

documentation of vaccination when required by the Animal Control Officer or an officer of the Police Department.

- (1) No cat may be released or adopted from any pound, shelter or veterinarian's office without proof of vaccination for rabies for a cat over six (6) months of age.

Section 101. Nuisances.

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall keep or allow to be kept on his/her/its property any animal(s) creating a nuisance as defined herein in Section 1.

Section 102. When Domestic Animals May Be Killed.

If any dangerous, fierce or vicious domestic animal cannot be safely taken up and impounded, such domestic animal may be slain by any policeman or duly authorized Animal Control Officer. In all cases, where any domestic animal has bitten a person or caused an abrasion of the skin of any person, if slain by any policeman, whether by order of the court or otherwise, and a period of less than ten (10) days has elapsed since the day on which the domestic animal bit any person, it shall be the duty of the policeman slaying said domestic animal to forthwith deliver the carcass and brain to the Animal Control Office who shall forward the brain intact to the Environmental Testing Lab in Augusta, Maine.

Section 103. Seizure of Animals by Animal Control Officer without Court Order.

The Animal Control Officer, who has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of 17 M.R.S. § 1031, as amended, or 17 M.R.S. § 1032, as amended, or according to any successor statutes, has taken place or is taking place, may take possession of the cruelly treated domestic animal by following the procedure established under 17 M.R.S. § 1021.

Section 124. Impoundment.

A. Dogs.

1. Dogs found running “at large” shall be taken up and impounded in a shelter designated by the Town and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than six (6) days unless beforehand claimed by its owner. If unclaimed at the end of six (6) days the dog may be disposed of in a humane manner or the Town or its duly authorized agent may transfer title of said dog.
2. When dogs are found running “at large” and their ownership is known, such dogs need not be impounded by the Town, though its duly authorized agents may cite the owner of such dogs to appear in court to answer charges of violation of this ordinance.
3. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded dog upon the payment of impoundment fees as established by the Selectpersons in the *Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees*, unless charges of cruelty to animals (7 M.R.S. § 4011 or 17 M.R.S § 1031) have been filed against the owner for cruelty to said impounded dog. In this event, the dog shall stay in the custody of the impounding shelter until such time that a court judgment has been made. The owner shall be responsible for all impoundment and board fees as well as any other fees incurred during the period of impoundment.

B. Cats or other Domestic Animals.

1. Cats and other domestic animals who are stray, abandoned, thought to be homeless or that are wandering and causing destruction to another’s property shall be taken up and impounded in a shelter designated by the Town and there confined in a humane manner for a

minimum of 48 hours unless feral, in which the cat need not be held more than 24 hours. Unless the cat or domestic animal is believed or known to have an owner, the cat or domestic animal may be disposed of in a humane manner or the Town or its duly authorized agents may transfer title of said cat or domestic animal.

2. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded cat or domestic animal upon the payment of impoundment fees as set forth herein, unless charges of cruelty to animals (7 M.R.S. § 4011 or 17 M.R.S § 1031) have been filed against the owner for cruelty to said impounded cat or domestic animal. In this event, the cat or domestic animal shall stay in the custody of the impounding shelter until such time that a court judgment has been made. The owner shall be responsible for all impoundment and board fees as well as any other fees incurred during the period of impoundment.

Section 135. Impoundment Fees.

Any domestic animal, excluding cats, impounded hereunder may be reclaimed as herein provided upon payment by the owner of the fees established by the Board of Selectpersons in the *Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees* for each domestic animal, excluding cats, to be paid to the Animal Control Officer, Police Department or Town Clerk prior to release of animal from the shelter. The designated animal shelter may not release the animal to the owner without receipt showing payment of the impoundment fee to the Town.

Section 146. Defecation.

The owner of any domestic animal shall take all responsible means to avoid the defecating of his or her domestic animal on any property other than the owner's property. In the event of the defecation of a domestic animal on the property of another, the owner shall immediately remove the feces and dispose of same in an

appropriate manner.

Section 157. ~~Nuisance Animals~~ Snake and Other Reptiles.

~~A. No owner or keeper shall permit or allow any animal to make sounds common to its species if such sounds recur in such a manner to cause a nuisance to other persons, including businesses. This section shall not apply to agricultural working dogs as defined in 7 M.R.S. § 3950(1).~~

~~B. No owner or keeper of any reptile, including all snakes, shall permit or allow any person to display, exhibit, transport, or allow to be visible in any public area any reptile that is not contained within a suitable cage or kennel. This section does not apply to any owner or keeper of reptiles, including all snakes that are displayed or exhibited for educational purposes, except they must be contained in suitable cage or kennel during transport.~~

Section 168. Wolf Hybrids

A person may not keep a wolf hybrid in the State unless that person holds a valid permit to possess wildlife in captivity issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under 12 M.R.S. § 12152

Section 179. Penalties.

A. Defecation Violations. Every person convicted of a violation of Section 14. Defecation shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 for a first offense, not less than \$100.00 for a second offense, and not less than \$150.00 for each subsequent offense *plus* all court costs incurred by the municipality for prosecuting a violation of this section.

B. Other Violations. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, excluding Section 14. Defecation, shall be subject to a fine of ~~not less than \$25.00 nor more than~~ \$100.00 for each violation for each day that a violation exists,

not to exceed a total of \$2,500.00 *plus* all court costs incurred by the municipality for prosecuting a violation under this Ordinance.

- C. Injunction. As a additional penalty, the Town may seek injunctive relief against violators of this Ordinance.

Section ~~18~~20. Prosecution of Complaints.

In order for any complaint made to the Town regarding violations of this Ordinance to be prosecuted in court, the complainant must make a signed statement to the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer.

Section ~~19~~21. Validity.

It is the intention of the municipality that each separate section of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other sections herein, and it is further the intention of the municipality that if any provisions of the ordinance be declared invalid by the courts, all other sections thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Filing No. 2018-12

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 40 Temporary Signs and Advertisement Banners

To: BETH BELLEGARDE, *Town Clerk*:

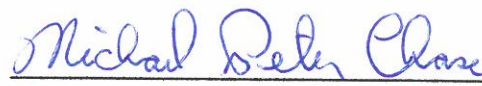
We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text for a proposed amendment of the ordinance entitled "Chapter 40 Temporary Signs and Advertisement Banners" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on November 6, 2018.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance 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 Meeting/Polling Places on the day of the vote.

Dated: August 16, 2018

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD


CHRISTOPHER BRENNICK, Chair


M. PETER CHASE, Vice-Chair

MARK N. BELANGER, Selectperson

JAMES WINDOVER, Selectperson


JOHN PEPIN, Selectperson

CHAPTER 40
Temporary Signs
and Advertisement Banners ~~Ordinance~~

Section 1. Temporary Signs Other Than Yard Sale Signs and Banners. No temporary signs shall be posted on the Town Hall or near the Information Booth. Signs 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, with the exception of the chain link fence on Rumford Avenue. The time of placement of temporary signs shall be governed by the State Statute and may only be placed up for a maximum time of 6 weeks per year.

Section 2. Yard Sale Signs. The time of placement shall not be more than five (5) days before the yard sale and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the sale. 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 Signs and Banners. All signs and banners shall not exceed 24 square feet. All temporary signs must be displayed on their own stakes and shall have the name, address and phone number of the person responsible for putting the sign up and the date that the sign was put up

Section 5. Temporary Signs. All temporary signs and banners as defined in Section 1 through Section 4 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 6. Penalties. A ten (10) dollar fine will be assessed for each day of noncompliance with any section of the ordinance. The 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.

Filing No. 2018-13

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 54-A Building Code

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 54-A Building Code" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on November 6, 2018.

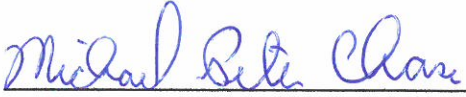
Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the Town Meeting/Polling Places on the day of the vote.

Dated: August 16, 2018

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CHAPTER 54-A Building Code

Section 1. Adoption of Code. Certain documents, one (1) copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Rumford, being marked and designated as the International Building Code, ~~2009~~ of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine (“IBC”) and Appendices A-J, ~~and~~ the International Residential Code of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine (“IRC”), the International Existing Building Code of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine (“IEBC”), and the International Energy Conservation Code of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine (“IECC”), published by the International Code Council, are hereby adopted as the Building Code of the Town of Rumford as adopted by the Town of Rumford, Maine for regulating the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, removal demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures; providing for the issuance of permits and the collections of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Building and Residential Codes, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this article, subject to Section 2 of this ordinance. The IRC shall apply to detached one and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with separate means of egress as herein provided.

Filing No. 2018-14

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 54-B Fire and Life Safety Code

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 54-B Fire and Life Safety Code" approved by the Select Board and which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on November 6, 2018.


Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance 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 Meeting/Polling Places on the day of the vote.

Dated: August 16, 2018

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD



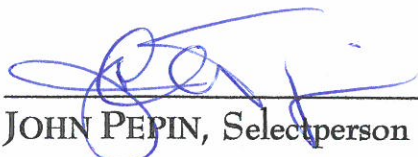
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CHAPTER 54-B Fire and Life Safety Code

Section 1. Adoption of the Code

It is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference, as if completely and specifically set forth in its entirety, for the purpose of prescribing minimum requirements necessary to establish a reasonable level of fire and life safety and property protection from the hazards created by fire, explosion and dangerous conditions, the following codes prepared by the National Fire Protection Association: the “NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code 2009 of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine edition” and the “Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) 2009 of the year designated by statute or regulation of the State of Maine” edition” as prepared and published by the National Fire Protection Association and the whole thereof as a guideline with revisions as approved by the Board of Selectpersons. One copy of such Codes has been and now is filed in the office of the Town Clerk for public use, examination and inspection.

NFPA 101 Chapter 24, Section 3.5.1 shall not be included in the adoption of this code.

All references in the Uniform Fire Code and Life Safety Code which refer to AHJ (authority having jurisdiction) shall mean the Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Rumford.

Section. 2. Insertions, Deletions, Additions

DELETION:

Section 1.10 Board of Appeals (Sections 1.10.1.1 up to and including 1.10.9.3) of the Uniform Fire Code shall be deleted and not incorporated.