

MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION
SPECIMEN BALLOT FOR THE
TOWN OF RUMFORD
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space AND write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town approves the following Ordinance Amendments, Revisions and Adoptions, (to be voted by Secret Ballot) at the Election Meeting on November 6, 2018, which amendment for adoption is on file with the Town Clerk's Office?

1. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 21-B Curbside Recycling, Filing No. 2018-09, as proposed under the Article 1 of the warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?

- Yes 1234
- No 929

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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2. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 25-E Abandoned Buildings, Filing No. 2018-10, as proposed under the Article 1 of the warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?

- Yes 1515
 No 565

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.

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11 **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.

21 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.

22 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.

40 **3. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 30-C Domestic Animals: Regulation and Enforcement, Filing No. 2018-11, as proposed under the Article 1 of the Warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?**

42 Yes 1180

43 No 920

Due to its length, copies of the proposed amendment to this ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.

4. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 40 Temporary Signs and Advertisement Banners Ordinance, Filing No. 2018-12, as proposed under the Article 1 of the warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?

Yes 1412

No 755

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

51 **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.

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5. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 54-A Building Code, Filing No. 2018-13, as proposed under the Article 1 of the warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?

Yes 1235

No 895

**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.

6. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled Chapter 54-B Fire and Life Safety Code, Filing No. 2018-14, as proposed under the Article 1 of the warrant for the November 6, 2018 meeting?

- Yes 1430
- No 647

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.

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