

## Loitering Ordinance

### ARTICLE 1. TITLE, PURPOSE & DEFINITIONS:

#### Section 1. TITLE:

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Town of Waldoboro Loitering Ordinance.

#### Section 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the general health and welfare of the citizenry of the Town of Waldoboro.

#### Section 3. DEFINITION:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, words, or phrases shall have the meaning set forth herein:

##### 3-1 LOITERING

Shall mean remaining in essentially one location and shall include the concept of spending time idly; to be dilatory; to linger; to stay; to saunter; to delay; and to stand around.

##### 3-2 PUBLIC PLACE

Shall mean any place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business and also public streets, ways, grounds, areas or parks.

### ARTICLE 2. GENERAL:

#### Section 4. UNLAWFUL TO LOITER:

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter either along and/or in consort with others in a public place in such manner as to:

4-1 Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians;

4-2 Commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress and egress, therein, thereon and thereto.

### ARTICLE 3. PENALTY, SEPARABILITY & EFFECTIVE DATE:

#### Section 5. PENALTY:

When any person causes or commits any of the conditions enumerated in Section 4 herein, a police officer or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on or disperse. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such orders shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance and be punished by a fine or not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00, and/or, not more than ten (10) days in jail.

#### Section 6. SEPARABILITY:

The invalidity of any provisions of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

#### Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be March 10, 1984, and shall supersede the Loitering Ordinance enacted at Town Meeting held March 1, 1965.

Given under our hands at said Waldoboro, Maine this  
sixth day of January, A.D. 1984.

Dollena C. Prescott

Dollena C. Prescott, Chairman

William B. Blodgett

William B. Blodgett

Ralph A. Simmons, Jr.

Ralph A. Simmons, Jr.

Betty Lou Lee

Betty Lou Lee

William A. Freeman

William A. Freeman

Board of Selectmen

Attest:

Lee L. Smith

Lee L. Smith  
Town Manager

ATTEST: A true copy of an Ordinance entitled  
"LOITERING ORDINANCE" for the Town  
of Waldoboro, as certified to me by  
the municipal officers of Waldoboro on  
the 27th day of February, 1984.

Patricia L. Chapman  
Town Clerk