

TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE ELECTRIC CUT OFF DISCONNECT ORDINANCE

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is the safety of emergency responders. This will give emergency responders the ability to disconnect the electricity in the event of a fire or other emergency. It will allow access to the structure without fear of electrocution in the event of search and rescue and the ability to attack a fire within the structure.

Section 2. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution, the provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001 (Home Rule).

Section 3. Effective Date

The effective date of this Ordinance Code shall be the date of adoption by vote of the legislative body of the Town of Sumner.

Section 4. Amendment to Ordinance

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of the Legislative Body of the Town of Sumner.

Section 5. Validity and Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this Code.

Section 6. Standards

- A. This ordinance requires that the installation of any new or updated electrical service on a pole or structure shall have a manual shut-off switch installed on the pole or the outside of the structure, located between the meter box and the main breaker box (fuse box). The disconnect switch shall comply with the standards of the then current National Electrical Code.

A-1: Presence of shut off will be verified by Code Enforcement Officer.

- B. When a service upgrade is made to any dwelling unit, an exterior main electric cut off disconnect switch shall be installed in a convenient location on the exterior of the structure. The disconnect switch shall comply with the standards of the then current National Electrical Code.

- C. Any dwelling that has an alternative power source that activates once the power supply is interrupted or cut off, shall have a warning sticker located on the meter socket disconnect on the exterior of the structure to warn first responders that there is an alternative power source. Such warning stickers will be issued by Town of Sumner officials.

Section 7. Violations

- A. Any work performed in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be considered a nuisance and the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify in writing the person responsible for the violation.
- B. Any person found liable of violating any provisions of this Ordinance may be subject to a penalty of a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for each offense, to be recovered on complaint for use of the Town. Each day after which a violation is found to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 8. Appeals

An administrative appeal may be taken to the Board of Appeals by an aggrieved party from any decision of the Code Enforcement Officer. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the date of the official, written decision appealed from. The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by, or failure to act by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide the appeal on a de novo basis.

TOWN MEETING VOTE: August 18, 2017