

## TOWN OF MILO

### LOCAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ORDINANCE

#### Section 1: Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Town of Milo Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance."

#### Section 2: Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, all words and phrases are defined as they are defined in the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, 7 M.R.S. § 281 *et seq.*, as the same may be amended.

#### Section 3: Preamble and Purpose

We the People of the Town of Milo, Piscataquis County, Maine recognize that family farms, sustainable agricultural practices, and food processing by individuals, families and non-corporate entities offers stability to our rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental and social wealth of our community. Accordingly, direct producer-to-consumer transactions promote self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions. We have faith in our citizens' ability to educate themselves and make informed decisions. We support food that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, nourishes individuals and the community, and sustains producers, processors and the environment.

The purpose of the Local Food Ordinance is to:

- (i) Preserve the ability of communities to produce, process, sell, purchase and consume locally produced foods;
- (ii) Ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional foodways through small-scale farming and food production;
- (iii) Improve the health and well-being of citizens by reducing hunger and increasing food security through improved access to wholesome, nutritious foods by supporting family farms and encouraging sustainable farming and fishing;
- (iv) 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; and
- (v) Enhance rural economic development and the environmental and social wealth of rural communities.

#### Section 4: Authority

This ordinance is adopted and enacted pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 281 *et seq.*, the "Maine Food Sovereignty Act," as the same may be amended, and pursuant to the Town's home rule authority, as provided in 30-A M.R.S. § 3001 and Me. Const. Art. VIII, pt. 2, § 1.

**Section 5: License and Inspection Exemptions**

1. Producers or processors of food or food products in the Town of Milo shall be exempt from state food law when the food or food products are sold through such direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

2. Pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 285, as the same may be amended, these exemptions shall not apply to livestock and poultry subject to the licensing and inspection and other requirements of Title 22, chapter 562-A and the rules adopted thereunder.

3. An individual who grows, produces, processes or prepares food or food products for purposes other than direct producer-to-consumer transactions shall grow, produce, process or prepare the food or food products in compliance with all applicable state and federal food safety laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 6: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

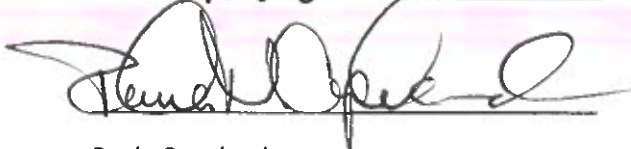
**Section 7: Severability Clause**

To the extent any provision of this Ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be removed from the Ordinance and the balance of the Ordinance shall remain valid.

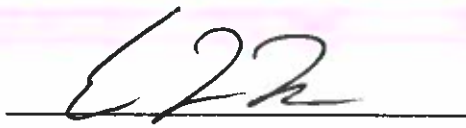
Adopted: 9-7-2021

Milo Town Clerk: Betsy Hornley

Date: 11-2-2021



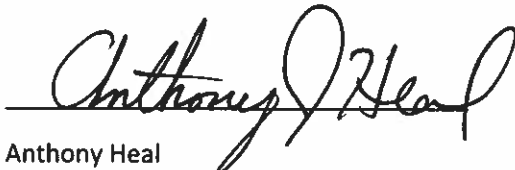
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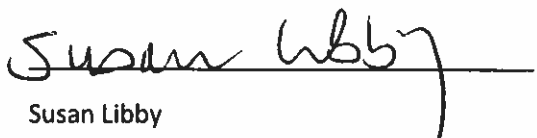
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