



Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Adopted: June 15, 2019

Attested By: Christina Hassapelis

Title: Town Clerk

SECTION 1: Purpose Statement

It is the policy of the Town of Stockton Springs to encourage food self-sufficiency for its citizens. The Town supports:

- i. **Local control.** Through local control, preserve the ability of communities like ours to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods;
- ii. **Small-scale farming and food production.** Ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional foodways through small-scale farming and food production;
- iii. **Improved health and well-being.** Improve the health and well-being of citizens of this State 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. **Self-reliance and personal responsibility.** 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. **Rural economic development.** Enhance rural economic development and the environmental and social wealth of rural communities such as ours.

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: License and Inspection Exemptions

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

SECTION 4: Authority

- i. This ordinance is adopted and enacted pursuant to the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, 7 M.R.S. § 281 *et. seq.*, as the same may be amended.
- ii. To the extent that any provision of this ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be removed from the ordinance and the balance of the ordinance shall remain valid.