

Chapter 9

Article 1 – Stumpage Ordinance

Section 9-101

Purpose

To support responsible and sustainable forest management on town-owned property and establish guidelines for use of the shared resource for all residents of Winter Harbor.

To raise funds to support professional oversight of forests on town-owned property, including development of a forest management and harvesting plan.

Section 9-102

Authority

This ordinance is prepared and adopted pursuant to the authority granted under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII-A and the Home Rule provisions of Title 30, MRSA, Section 1917, as amended, and in accordance with the goals and policies as stipulated by the Comprehensive Planning process of the Town of Winter Harbor.

Section 9-103

Permit

A permit is required by the town and issued by the Selectmen for the purpose described herein, and must be presented by the harvester upon request.

Issued permits shall be valid for seven (7) days.

Section 9-104

Fee

A stumpage ordinance fee of \$20.00 per cord shall be paid prior to issuance of any permit.

Section 9-105

Restrictions

Cutting of timber on town-owned land is restricted to the residents of the town only, for personal (non-commercial) use only.

Cutting of timber shall be limited to blazed or otherwise identified stands of trees, and dead or diseased trees shall be harvested first within the given stand.

Slash and other cuttings shall be chipped, or stacked and burned with appropriate burn permit.

Each household within the town shall be limited to five (5) cords of wood harvested per year.

Section 9-106

Enforcement

The Winter Harbor Police Department shall be responsible for handling all violations of this ordinance.

Violations of this ordinance will be assessed a fine of \$100 per day, to a maximum of \$2,500. Violators of this ordinance will not be allowed to obtain permits under this ordinance for a period of three (3) months from the date the violation is reported.