

Hope Ordinance Review Committee Ordinance

I. Establishment

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Maine Constitution and 30-A M.R.S.A. Sections 2691 and 3001, the Town of Hope hereby establishes an Ordinance Review Committee.

II. Appointment

A. Hope Ordinance Review Committee members shall be appointed by the Municipal Officers and sworn into office by the Town Clerk or other person authorized to administer oaths.

B. The Ordinance Review Committee shall consist of seven (7) regular members.

C. The term of each member shall be three (3) years, except the initial appointments which shall be for the following terms: two committee members for one year, three committee members for two years, three committee members for three years.

D. When there is a permanent vacancy on the Hope Ordinance Review Committee, the Municipal Officers shall, within 60 days of a vacancy occurring, appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term. A vacancy shall occur upon the resignation or death of any member, or when a member ceases to be a legal resident of the Town of Hope, or when a member fails, without good cause, to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings, or at least 75% of all meetings during the preceding twelve month period. When a vacancy occurs, the Chairperson of the Ordinance Review Committee shall immediately advise the Municipal Officers in writing. The Municipal Officers may remove members of the Ordinance Review Committee, by unanimous vote, for cause, after due process including notice and hearing.

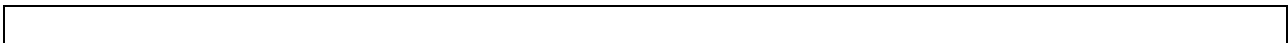
E. A Municipal Officer may not be a member of the Ordinance Review Committee.

III. Organization and Rules

A. The Ordinance Review Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary annually from among its members. Officers shall be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting after the Annual Town Meeting.

B. Any question of whether a member shall be disqualified from voting on a particular matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the committee, except the committee member who is being challenged.

C. No meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee shall start without a quorum consisting of four members. The Board shall act by a majority vote of those members present and authorized to vote.



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D. Ordinance Review Committee meeting notices and accompanying agendas, shall be posted at least one business day prior to the event. These notices shall be posted at the Town Office and sent electronically to Town Office staff.

E. The Ordinance Review Committee shall adopt by-laws for the transaction of business and the Town Office shall keep a record of its resolutions, correspondence, findings and determinations. All records are public and may be inspected at reasonable times.

IV. Powers and Duties of the Hope Ordinance Review Committee

A. The Ordinance Review Committee shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are provided by Hope Ordinances and the laws of the State of Maine.

B. The Ordinance Review Committee shall assist the Board of Selectmen with the periodic review of Hope Ordinances and recommend to the Board of Selectmen amendments to existing ordinances and proposals for new ordinances.

C. The Ordinance Review Committee shall adopt bylaws governing board functions. Initial adoption of Ordinance Review Committee bylaws, and all subsequent amendments, shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Selectmen.

D. The Chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee will submit an annual report to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen by April 1 on the Committee's actions over the past calendar year.

E. The Hope Ordinance Review Committee Ordinance shall expire June 30, 2010, but may be renewed by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

V. Repeal of Prior Ordinance Review Committee Ordinance

Any Ordinance Review Committee Ordinance creating an "old" Ordinance Review Committee prior to the establishment of this Ordinance Review Committee Ordinance is hereby repealed. It is the intent of this Ordinance to establish a "new" lawfully authorized Ordinance Review Committee under the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A 3001.

