

Chapter 8 Offenses and Miscellaneous

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Chapter 8

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Article 1 Offenses Against Public Order

SEC. 8-101 Definitions

1. Loitering shall mean remaining in essentially the same location and shall include the concept of spending time idly; to be dilatory; to linger; to stay; to saunter; to delay; and to stand around.
2. Public Place shall mean any place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, worship, or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the use of the public. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business and also public streets, ways, grounds, area or parks.
3. Private Place shall mean any place that is not a public place.

SEC. 8-201 Loitering Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter either along and/or in consort with others in a public place in such a manner as to:

1. Obstruct traffic upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or at any other public place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians.
2. Interfere with business or property use by committing in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or within any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress and egress, and regress therein, thereof and thereto.

SEC 8-301 Disorderly Conduct

A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:

in a public or private place, the person makes loud and unreasonable noise that can be heard by another person, who may be a Law Enforcement Officer, after having been ordered by a Law Enforcement Officer to ease the noise. Such noise shall include, but not be limited to: loud talking, yelling, shouting, blowing of horns, unnecessary acceleration of engines or other noise making devises.

SEC. 8-401 Failure to Disperse

When one (1) or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct, as defined in subsection 8-301, and likely to cause serious annoyance to others, a Law

Enforcement Officer may order the participant(s) in the immediate vicinity to disperse. A person is guilty of failure to disperse if he/she knowingly fails to comply with an order made pursuant to the first sentence of Section 8-401.

SEC. 8-501 Penalty

Any person(s) found guilty of a violation of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of the Bucksport Town Code shall be subject to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every offense. The imposition of a penalty for violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue.

Article 2 Safe Zones

SEC. 8-201 Definitions

A Safe Zone is an area that is frequented by children, has been designated by the Bucksport Town Council as a Safe Zone pursuant to MRSA Title 17-A, Section 1101, Subsection 23, and has been conspicuously marked using wording provided by the State of Maine Commissioner of Public Safety.

SEC. 8-202 Safe Zones

The following areas that are frequented by minors in the Town of Bucksport be designated as Safe Zones under MRSA Title 17-A, Section 1101, Subsection 23:

- a. Reggie Ginn Field located off Third Street Extension and Spoffard Avenue
- b. Old Junior High Field and playground located off Elm Street, Summer Street and MacDonald Street
- c. Swimming Pool and Bathhouse located off Broadway and Bridge Street
- d. Miles Lane Athletic Facilities located off Miles Lane and Broadway
- e. Knights of Columbus Little League Field located off Central Street and Race Course Road

The provisions of Chapter 8 Offenses and Miscellaneous were adopted on May 9, 1996.

*Chapter 8 was amended on the following dates:
February 9, 2006 to add Article 2 Safe Zones*

Town Clerk Note: *Article 2 Safe Zones, approved on 2-9-06, was belatedly incorporated in Chapter 8 on October 17, 2007*