

Appendix O

Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Sec. 1 Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance.”

Sec. 2. Words and Phrases Defined

For the purposes of this article, certain words and phrases are defined as follows:

1. **Consumer:** An individual who is the last person to purchase any food or food product for consumption directly from a producer or processor and who does not resell the food or food product.
2. **Direct producer-to-consumer transaction;** "Direct producer-to-consumer transaction" means a face-to-face transaction involving food or food products at the site of production of those food or food products.
3. **Food or food products.** "Food or food products" means food or food products intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, milk or milk products, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products, seafood or seafood products, fresh produce, cider or juice, acidified foods or canned fruits or vegetables.
4. **Processor:** An individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food and drink.
5. **Producer:** A farmer or gardener who grows or raises any plant or animal for food or drink.

Sec. 3. License and Inspection Exemptions

1. Producers or processors of food or food products in the Town of Bucksport intended for direct producer-to-consumer transactions shall be exempt from State licensure and inspection when the food or food products are sold through such direct producer-to-consumer transactions.
2. These exemptions do not apply to any meat or poultry products that are licensed and inspected by the State of Maine in compliance with applicable federal acts.

Sec. 4. Authority

1. This ordinance is adopted and enacted pursuant to 7 M.R.S. §§281-286, the “Maine Food Sovereignty Act.”
2. 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.

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