SLUDGE AND SEPTAGE CONTROL ORDINANCE TOWN OF LIVERMORE FALLS

Article #39 was approved at the annual Town Meeting held June 13, 2001 at the Livermore Falls Library, the article read as follows: "Town of Livermore Falls Sludge and Septage Control Ordinance.

Town Clerk, Livermore Falls

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Section I. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article VIII of the Maine Constitution and Title 30-A MRSA, Section 3001 and shall be known and may be cited as the "Sludge and Septage Control Ordinance of the Town of Livermore Falls".

Section II. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town through the regulation and control of the disposal of certain waste materials.

Section III. Conflict

This ordinance shall be construed to repeal and supercede any provisions of any other ordinances currently in effect which are in conflict with the provisions contained herein.

Section IV. Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined as follows:

A. Sludge – The semi-solid or liquid residual generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment plant.

B, Stabilized Sludge – Liquid or dewatered sludge containing pathogens from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment plant that has been treated by at least P.S.R.P.

C. Septage – Waste, refuse, effluent, sludge and any other materials from septic tanks, cesspools, or any other materials from septic tanks, cesspools or any other similar facilities.

D. P.S.R.P. – A Process to Significantly Reduce Pathogens.

E. Pathogen – An organism, chiefly a microorganism, including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and all forms of animal parasites and protozoa, capable of producing an infection or disease in a susceptible host.

Section V. Prohibition

No municipal, commercial or industrial wastewater treatment plant sludge (biosolids) or septage may be stockpiled or spread in the Town of Livermore Falls, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mills sludge, whether it be wet, dry, pelletized, mixed with other materials, or injected on or into the land within the Town.

Section VI. Qualification

Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the following exemptions apply:

1. Residential septage – an individual may spread his own septage on his own land within the conformance of the town and state regulations.

2. Stabilized sludge and septage generated within the Town of Livermore Falls will be processed, handled or spread in conformance with the Maine Department of Environmental Protections' "Rules for Land Application of Sludge and Residuals", in existence at the time of this ordinance, and as may be from time to time amended in the future and providing adequate provision has been made for the containment and treatment of leachate and the prevention of ground or surface water contamination. Also, that the proposed use, whether individual or town spreading, will not have any significant detrimental effect on the use and peaceful enjoyment of any abutting property as a result of noise, vibrations, fumes, odor, glare, or other causes which can be avoided by reasonable modification of a plan.

Section VII. Violations

The Board of Selectmen, on notification by the Code Enforcement Office, shall institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the Town, any and all actions, legal and equitable, that may be appropriate or necessary for the enforcement of this ordinance. This regulation, however, shall not prevent any person entitled to equitable relief from enjoining any act contrary to the provisions of this ordinance. Section VIII. Penalty

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, or who fails to conform to any of the provisions thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$2,500.00. Each day such violation or failure to comply is allowed to exist, after notification by the Code Enforcement Office, shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted: June 13, 2001