

TOWN OF FRYEBURG

ORDINANCE REGARDING FLOATING "BARGES" ON THE SACO RIVER

WHEREAS, the Town of Fryeburg (hereinafter "Town"), has undertaken efforts in recent years to control the occasional, excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages by certain groups enjoying the Saco River in Fryeburg, and

WHEREAS, the Fryeburg Police Department has often identified floating "barges" in the possession of groups who are engaged in the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages, and

WHEREAS, the Fryeburg Police Department, as a result of its Saco River patrols over the past few summers, has observed that the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages often leads to dangerous and unsafe situations on the river which also negatively impacts the experience of those who are trying to enjoy the river quietly and peacefully, and

WHEREAS, the Fryeburg Police and the Saco River Recreational Council and others interested in the river have noticed that these "barges" are often left at the take-out spots for someone else to dispose of, which results in an added burden in terms of both manpower and financial cost to the affected municipalities and property owners, and

WHEREAS, the Selectmen do not intend to curtail the ability of law abiding citizens to enjoy the Saco River, but desire to control the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages and decrease the amount of litter, trash and debris being left along the banks of the Saco River,

NOW THEREFORE, the Selectmen hereby enact the following policy:

1. A "barge" is defined as any floating device which contains a flat surface, often (but not necessarily limited to) plywood, measuring approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft. and raised from the surface of the river by one or more floating devices which are often lashed together. Ultimately it will be within the discretion of the Saco River Recreational Council worker who is at the put-in site to determine whether or not the floating device being "launched" qualifies as a "barge."

2. If it is determined that the floating device being launched qualifies as a barge, then the individual or group launching the barge will be responsible for placing a \$250.00 deposit (cash only) with the Saco River Recreational Council personnel at the launch site. A form will be developed and filled out at the launch site. The individual or group launching the barge will be given a ticket stub to present to the Saco River Recreational Council worker at the take-out spot.

3. Another form will be developed for the Saco River Recreational Council worker to use at the take-out spot. If the individual or group removes the barge from the river, disassembles the barge, and removes the material, they will be entitled to a refund of the entire amount (\$250.00). A receipt will be given by the Saco River Recreational Council worker to the

individual or group to return to the Saco River Recreational Council worker at the put-in, or launch site to receive his/her \$250.00 refund.

4. If they remove and disassemble the barge but wish to leave the debris at the take-out site to be hauled away, they will be entitled to a refund of \$150.00. \$100.00 will be retained and will be used to offset the cost of hauling away the debris. A receipt will be given to the group or individual to return to the Saco River Recreational Council worker at the put-in, or launch site to receive his/her \$150.00 refund.

5. If they neither remove or disassemble the barge from the river, they will forfeit their \$250.00 deposit.

6. Any money forfeited to the Town pursuant to this ordinance shall be used for "river purposes," i.e. education, cleanup, etc.

7. The Chief of Fryeburg Police, or his designee, shall report to the Selectmen in September of each year regarding this ordinance and its effectiveness.