AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Town of Blue Hill, Maine

1. Authority; Findings; Purpose. This Amendment to the Traffic Ordinance for the Municipality of Blue Hill is adopted by the Blue Hill Selectmen under the exclusive authority granted to them under 30-A M.R.S.A. §3009 and under 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001. After 7 days’ notice given pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3009. The Selectmen find that the unrestricted placement and proliferation of signs within the Restricted Area as defined below, creates a traffic hazard that is dangerous to motorists and pedestrians alike. Unrestricted placement of signs within the Restricted Area reduces sight distances for motorists, and creates a visual distraction to motorists, and impedes traffic flow. The purpose of this Amendment, therefore, is to promote safety and traffic flow by regulating the placement of signs within the Restricted Area as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Definitions. Words used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings provided below and provided in 29-A M.R.S.A. §101. Undefined words shall have their commonly-used meanings.

a) “Sign or Signs” mean any sign, signal, marking, display, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, billboard, or other visual apparatus or thing.

b) “Restricted Area” means those areas in the Town of Blue Hill described as follows:

Area 1: The traffic rotary at intersection of Beech Hill Road, Tenney Hill, South Street and Mines Road; and includes the traffic circle and the area of the four mentioned roadways begins at the aluminum light poles on each road and continues through the circumference of the Traffic Circle.

Area 2: The traffic triangle directly across from the Town Hall that splits the access to Water Street, Fire Station, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital and the Town Park.

c) “Official Traffic Signs”. All signs, signals, markings and devices placed or erected by officials having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

3. Prohibition; Civil Violation. No person shall place, maintain, or display within any Restricted Area, any Sign, except Official Traffic Signs.
4. Public nuisance. Every such prohibited sign, signal, or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the authority having jurisdiction over the Restricted Area is hereby empowered to remove or cause to be removed each such sign, signal or marking without notice.

5. Enforcement and Penalties. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be enforced as provided under the Traffic Ordinance for the Municipality of Blue Hill. A violation of this Ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a civil penalty or fine of $50.00 payable to the Town of Blue Hill.

The Selectmen for the Town of Blue Hill, at a public meeting held after 7 days' notice given pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3009, hereby vote in this Amendment.

Dated: 4/18/14

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James Schatz, Selectman

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