

# Town of Baileyville

## Loitering Ordinance

### Sec.1 Loitering Prohibited

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO LOITER, LOAF, WANDER, STAND, OR REMAIN IDLE EITHER ALONE, AND/OR IN CONSORT WITH OTHERS IN A PUBLIC PLACE IN SUCH A MANNER TO:

- 1.1 Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or:
- 1.2 Commit in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress, or regress, therein, thereon and thereto.

### Sec.2 Definitions

2.1 *Loitering* shall mean remaining idle in essentially one location and shall include the concept of spending time idly, to be dilatory, to linger, to stay, to delay, and to stand around.

2.2 *Public Place* shall mean any place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose, but does not mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, private club or other place of business and shall include public grounds, parks and reserves.

### Sec. 3 Police Order To Disperse

3.1 When any person causes or commits any of the conditions enumerated in Sections 1 and 2 a police officer or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to cease and desist and to move on or disperse. Any person who violates any provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine no less than \$25.00 and no more than \$100.00 for each and every offense. The imposition of a penalty for violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue.

(State Law Reference: Title 17-A MRSA ss.501-505; Title 9 MRSA ss. 6001 et sec.)