

CHAPTER 29

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SERVICE CHARGES ON CERTAIN TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

Section 29-1. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 508.

Section 29-2. Service Charge Established

An annual service charge is hereby established which may be imposed by the Town Manager against all residential property that is totally exempt from taxation under 36 M.R.S. § 652 and that is used to provide rental income. The Town Manager shall provide a list of such property to the Town Council on request. This service charge shall not apply to parsonages, student housing developments, or the Town of Freeport

Section 29-3. Calculation of Service Charge Limitation; Abatement

The service charge established in Section 29-2 shall be calculated according to the actual cost of providing municipal services to the property in question and the persons who use that property. Services considered in making this calculation shall include, without limitation: fire protection, police protection; road maintenance and construction, traffic control, snow and ice removal; sanitation services; and any services other than education and welfare.

Section 29-4. Collection

Unpaid service charges shall be collected following the procedure provided in 38 M.R.S. 1208, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 29-5. Use of Revenues

Revenues accrued from service charges shall be used, as much as possible, to fund the cost of providing the services which were considered in calculating the service charge.

Section 29-6. Appeals

Any institution or organization wishing to challenge the decision of the Town Manager to levy a particular service charge or the amount of a particular service charge may appeal that determination to the Town Council. Such appeals shall be filed in writing within sixty (60) days of the date on which notice is provided by the Manager to the institution or organization indicating the amount of the service charge which they have voted to levy