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ARTICLE I General Provisions; Definitions

Sec. 9-101 Applicability

This chapter applies to all areas of Rockland Harbor within the City of Rockland. The provisions of this Chapter shall also apply to the facilities and boat-launching ramp at the City-operated waterfront area at Chickawaukie Lake.

Sec. 9-102 Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Harbor Master or designees to enforce the provisions of this Chapter, by causing the person or persons offending any of the provisions of the ordinance, rules or regulations to be prosecuted for the penalty or penalties incurred.

Sec. 9-103 Obedience to Orders

No person shall fail to observe any lawful order of the Harbor Master with reference to the navigation and disposal of his watercraft within the limits of the harbor. Any person who shall obstruct or hinder the Harbor Master in the lawful performance of his duties or fail to obey a lawful order of the Harbor Master shall be guilty of a Class E crime as allowed by Title 38 MRSA sec. 13, and subject to penalty of a maximum of six(6) months imprisonment and/or a five hundred dollar(\$500) fine to be recovered on complaint by the Harbor Master before the Sixth District Court. The Harbor Master may arrest and deliver to the Police Department on shore any person committing an assault upon him or another person acting under his authority, as provided by the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Sec. 9-104 Penalties

1. Except as provided in Sec 9-103, a violation of the harbor ordinances in this Chapter may be prosecuted and relief, fees, fines and penalties granted and assessed pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A, Maine Revised Statutes, Section 4452.

2. All violations of any of the sections of this Chapter shall be considered upon complaint to the Sixth District Court and any and all fines and penalties therefrom, excepting costs of the court, shall revert to and for the use of the City of Rockland.

Sec. 9-105 Definitions

1. The following definitions apply to the enforcement and application of the ordinances and regulations of Rockland Harbor:

- A. Anchorage. An area where vessels may be anchored, moored or otherwise berthed at a wharf, dock, slip or pier.
- B. Army Corps of Engineers Permit. A permit from the Corps of Engineers that is required for all moorings which are rented to others or which are used as a part of a business for their own vessels or the vessels of customers who pay no rent for using the mooring.
- C. Berth. The place where a vessel lies when at anchor or when made fast at a dock, float, moored float, mooring, pier, slip, wharf, or any other facility used for securing a vessel.
- D. Commercial Vessel. A vessel that generates income through its use and operation.
- E. Dinghy. A vessel associated with a specific larger vessel and principally used for transportation from the larger vessel to a landing or other vessel. Also referred to as a "tender" or skiff". Dinghies do not qualify for the assignment of a mooring site.
- F. Federal Navigation Project: In Rockland Harbor, the Federal Navigation Project (FNP) includes the channels shown as dredged and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on NOAA Chart 13307 and the Rockland Breakwater. Anchorage's shown on the same navigation chart are not a part of the FNP.
- G. Mooring. The term mooring shall include all means of securing a vessel to a particular location, other than temporarily by anchor for a period of less than two weeks, or by attaching it to the shore, or to a wharf, float,

dock or pier, and shall include year-round and seasonal moorings.

- H. Mooring Permit. A permit issued annually by the Harbor Master to an applicant, authorizing the applicant to utilize a specific mooring site for a specific size and type of vessel, for a period of one (1) year.
- I. Mooring Site. A geographic location within the harbor, described by Latitude and Longitude, which is assigned by the Harbor Master, for the placement of mooring tackle to which an owner secures a vessel.
- J. Private Mooring. A mooring owned by an individual for his/her exclusive private use for a boat owned exclusively by the individual receiving the permit. Occasional use by friends may be allowed. A private mooring must be occupied each season for at least 14 days by the permit holder's boat or the mooring site can be assigned to a new occupant.
- K. Qualified Mooring Inspector. A person, including a scuba diver, who satisfies the harbor master that he/she is qualified to inspect mooring tackle as to condition and size. Qualifications shall be judged by experience in installing and inspecting moorings, familiarity with mooring tackle, including the size and kind of mooring tackle needed for safe mooring of given sizes of vessels, and familiarity with the mooring regulations of the City of Rockland. Qualification can be given for specific types of moorings; i.e. embedded anchors v mooring blocks. A current Certificate of Insurance for liability for failure of work performed is required to receive qualification.
- L. Rental Mooring. A mooring owned by a business or individual which is rented or leased to a customer for a fee. Rental moorings must have Army Corps of Engineers permits as well as City of Rockland permits. In addition, the owner of the mooring must provide a current Certificate of Insurance covering the rental use of the mooring(s) when applying for a City mooring permit.
- M. Resident. All persons whose primary residence is in the City of Rockland.
- N. Riparian Owner. The person, corporation or municipality who has deeded rights to property immediately above the mean high water line along a surveyed section of at least 100 feet of the shoreline.
- O. Service Mooring. A mooring owned by a business or individual conducting business which is used for mooring vessels which are owned by that business, mooring vessels which are being serviced by the business or used as a maneuvering device for leaving or entering a berth. No fees may be charged by the business or individual for the use of a service mooring.
- P. Transient Vessel. A vessel, the operator or owner of which seeks a temporary (14 days or less) place to berth within Rockland Harbor.
- Q. Vessel. The term vessel shall mean any watercraft used or capable of being used for transportation. Rafts shall also be considered vessels as appropriate.
- R. Watercraft. The term watercraft shall mean any vessel, dinghy, barge, float or raft; without distinction to method of propulsion; which is present within the applicable area of these ordinances.

ARTICLE II Harbor and Waterfront Facilities & Management

Sec. 9-201 Municipal Facilities

1. City of Rockland shall operate and/or administratively control the following facilities in and around Rockland Harbor:
 - A. Rockland Public Landing. This facility exists primarily to serve transient vessels visiting Rockland and the short term docking needs of vessels moored in the harbor. Services are provided on a limited basis, and on a seasonal schedule. It shall be available with floats installed from May 15 to October 15 each calendar year. Usage fees are set by Order of the City Council.
 - B. Rockland Middle Pier. This facility shall serve the commercial passenger carrying vessels operating in and around Rockland. Embarkation, debarkation and utilities shall be available at this facility. It shall be available with floats installed from May 15 to October 15 each calendar year. The Middle Pier also may be available for long term winter dockage with limited utilities, between October 15 and May 15. Usage fees are set by Order

of the City Council.

- C. Rockland Municipal Fish Pier. This facility is to serve the commercial fishing industry, on a year round basis. Permit, dockage, storage, utility, and other fees and charges shall be established by Order of the City Council.
- D. Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse. This structure shall be available for public access on a seasonal basis.
- E. Snow Marine Park Boat Launch Ramp. This facility serves that portion of the boating public using trailers to launch and retrieve their vessels. It shall be available with floats installed from May 15 to October 15 each calendar year. Long term parking for up to 7 days is available for vehicles and trailers. Parking for greater than 7 days is prohibited without express permission of the Harbor Master. The parking of trailers by themselves is prohibited without permission of the Harbor Master. Usage fees are set by Order of the City Council.
- F. Johnson Memorial Park. This facility has a boat launching ramp for small trailed vessels wishing to use the waters of Chickawaukie Lake.
- G. Snow Marine Park, Harbor Park, Buoy Park, Berliawsky Park. These municipal sites are operated for use by the public at large. Special events may be held on the grounds with approval from the Harbor Management Commission and payment of applicable fees. Usage fees are set by Order of the City Council.
- H. Buoy Park Launch Ramp: This ramp shall be operated for hand carried vessels such as kayaks, canoes, rowing shells and dinghies. The facility shall not be used by trailers without permission of the Harbor Master.
- I. Rockland Harbor Mooring Sites. Assigned by the Harbor Master upon application and payment of applicable fees to all persons and businesses for the placement of a mooring. The Harbor Master shall establish and maintain rental moorings for transient vessels. Rockland Harbor shall be open to all for access as required by the U.S. Government and the State of Maine. Usage fees are set by Order of the City Council.
- J. Other Municipal Waterfront Properties: Waterfront sites along the waterfront and owned by the City of Rockland shall fall under these jurisdictions with the exception of properties involved in sewage and sanitation.

Sec. 9-202 Channels

1. The channels within Rockland Harbor include the federally dredged channels marked upon NOAA chart 13307. These channels were completed by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in 1959 and are subject to the rules and regulations of the ACOE for purposes of municipal harbor management. Other channels include:

- A. A channel from the area of the Rockland Public Landing, running due east (090T) for a distance of 400 yards and a width of 80 feet to facilitate movement of vessels through the central harbor mooring areas. This channel is not marked by aids to navigation. It is displayed on the mooring area chart maintained by the City of Rockland.
- B. A channel in the southern portion of the waters of Rockland Harbor, marked by federal buoy (green Can # 5) to facilitate movement of vessels in and out of the shipyard located in that area. This channel is not dredged and is not part of the Federal Navigation Project.
- C. A channel in the northern portion of the waters of Rockland Harbor, marked by federal buoys (green Can # 5, Can # 3, Can #1) to facilitate movement of vessels in and out of the shipyards and wharves located in that area. This channel is not dredged and is not part of the Federal Navigation Project.

Sec. 9-203 Anchorage Areas

Three federal anchorage areas are marked on NOAA chart 13307 and are defined in the United States Coast Pilot Vol. 1, Chapter 2, Part 110. These anchorage areas are not considered a part of the Federal Navigation Project. Mooring sites have been created which occupy portions of these marked anchorage areas. These mooring sites are not considered within the Federal Navigation Project as defined by the USACOE.

Sec. 9-204 Mooring Areas

1. The mooring areas of Rockland Harbor are described below. A chart showing the mooring areas and channels in color shall be on permanent display at the public building at the waterfront.

2. The Rockland Harbor Mooring Areas can be described on a chart as follows:

A. Central Harbor.

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the pier of Dragon Cement (Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 02 seconds West); thence in a straight line proceeding in a northerly direction to the southeast corner of the Coast Guard Pier (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds West); thence in a westerly, southwesterly, southerly and easterly direction along the shoreline at high tide to the aforementioned northeasterly corner of the pier of Dragon Cement, the point of beginning. This mooring area is divided into two smaller fields, Central North, and Central South, for management purposes. This division allows for a channel between the smaller fields to facilitate movement of vessels.

B. Outer Central Harbor.

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the pier of Dragon Cement (Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 02 seconds West); thence in a straight line proceeding in a northerly direction to the southeast corner of the Coast Guard Pier (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds West); thence in an easterly direction along the federal channel to Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 43 seconds West; thence southerly along the meridian to a point in the water Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 49.5 seconds North Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 43 seconds West; thence westerly to the aforementioned northeasterly corner of the pier of Dragon Cement, the point of beginning. This mooring area is divided into two smaller fields, Outer North, and Outer South, for management purposes. This division allows for a channel between the smaller fields to facilitate movement of vessels.

C. Lermond Cove

The Lermond Cove Mooring Area beginning at the northeasterly corner of the seawall of Marine Colloids (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 28 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West); thence in a straight line to the southwestern corner of the wharf of Arey Marine (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 16 seconds West); thence in a westerly, southwesterly, southerly and easterly direction along the shoreline at high tide to the aforementioned northeasterly corner of the pier of Marine Colloids, the point of beginning.

D. Crockett Point.

The Crockett Point Mooring Area is defined starting at the southeast corner of the Coast Guard Pier (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds West); thence easterly 090 degrees true to the point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence northerly along the meridian to a point on the water at Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence westerly to the shoreline and westerly along the shoreline to the southwestern corner of the wharf of Arey Marine (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 16 seconds West); thence along a line to the northeasterly corner of the seawall of Marine Colloids (Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 28 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds West); thence along the seawalls and shoreline to the southeast corner of the Coast Guard Pier which is the point of beginning. This mooring area is divided into two smaller fields, Crockett Point North, and Crockett Point South, for management purposes.

E. North End.

The North End Mooring Area is defined starting at the point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence easterly 090 degrees True to a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds West; thence northerly along the meridian to a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds West; thence westerly along the parallel to a point on the water at Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence southerly along the meridian to the starting point.

F. South End.

At the South End of Rockland Harbor the mooring area is bounded by a line on the water described by the extension of the Southerly side of the Central Maine Vocational Technical School building in a direction toward the Rockland

Breakwater of Magnetic 79 degrees 40 minutes through a point of Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds on the shoreline to a point of Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds West; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence northerly to Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 44 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West; thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of the pier of Dragon Cement(Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 44 seconds North; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 02 seconds West); thence in westerly and southerly directions along the seawalls and shoreline at high tide to the aforementioned shoreline boundary point of Latitude 44 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds; Longitude 069 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds.

G. Jameson Point.

In order to afford the same protection for all mooring registrants, the Jameson Point Mooring Area shall be marked on the water by four (4) buoys marked "Mooring Area" which shall be at the outside corners of the mooring area near the Jameson Point pier, the edges of the mooring area being straight lines between these buoys.

H. Breakwater

Beginning at a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds North Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 03 seconds West; thence westerly 270 degrees true to a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds North Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West; thence southerly along the meridian to a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds North Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West; thence easterly along the parallel to a point on the water Latitude 44 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds North Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 03 seconds West; thence northerly along the meridian to the point of beginning.

Sec. 9-205 Prohibited Activities in Channels, Anchorages and Mooring Areas

1. No person shall be allowed to anchor or moor boats, vessels or other craft, nor to place or allow the placement of lobster traps or pots, crab traps or pots, fish nets, fish seines, as well as buoys, floats, warps, lines, anchors and other appurtenances or apparatus associated with or connected to such traps, pots, nets and seines, within the designated channels of Rockland Harbor as defined in the City records and posted by the Harbor Master. The anchoring of boats, vessels or other craft, the placement of fish nets or fish seines, as well as floats, lines, anchors and other appurtenances associated with such nets and seines shall not be permitted in the mooring areas of Rockland Harbor as defined in Section 9-109, paragraph two.

2. During a period of time beginning at sunrise on June 15 and ending at sunrise on September 15 of each and every year, no person shall place or allow the placement of lobster traps or pots, crab traps or pots, as well as the buoys, warps, lines and other appurtenances or apparatus associated with or connected to such traps or pots within the Central North and Central South Mooring Areas, as defined in Section 9-109, paragraph two of the Rockland City Code and posted at the public waterfront facility. The Harbor Master shall cause removal of and shall be authorized to remove any lobster traps or pots, crab traps or pots, as well as the buoys, warps, lines and other appurtenances or apparatus associated with or connected to such traps or pots within the Central North and Central South Mooring Areas during this period as they constitute hazards and obstructions to navigation within these mooring areas, all as provided by the Revised Statutes of Maine.

3. No person shall moor a vessel, boat, scow or raft to any buoy or beacon placed by the City or United States Government agencies in the waters of Rockland Harbor to define channels for vessels, or in any manner make the same fast thereto, or willfully destroy any such buoy or beacon.

Sec. 9-206 Discharge of Refuse, Waste or Petroleum From Vessels or Wharves

1. No owner, owners or master of any vessel, or any other person shall cast or throw, or cause or suffer to be cast or thrown from their vessels, docks or wharves, or from any other place, any stone, sand or any other things into the channel or Rockland Harbor or Chickawaukie Lake, whereby the navigation of the same may be injured.

2. No owner, owners or master of any vessel, or any other person shall or may cause the discharge of fish wastes, excrement, garbage, refuse, decayed fish, decayed food of any kind into Rockland Harbor or Chickawaukie Lake. The imposition of a penalty for violation of this section shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; such violation shall be remedied within a reasonable time, or within such time limit as may be specified in any notice given by the Harbor Master, and each day or portion thereof such violation continued to exist following the expiration of the time limit specified in any such notice shall constitute a separate offense. The application of a penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions, nor preclude the City Attorney from causing to be instituted an appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate any violation.

3. No owner, owners or master of any vessel, or any other person shall or may cause the discharge of petroleum products of any kind into Rockland Harbor or Chickawaukie Lake. The imposition of a penalty for violation of this section shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; such violation shall be remedied within a reasonable time, or within such time limit as may be specified in any notice given by the Harbor Master, and each day or portion thereof such violation continued to exist following the expiration of the time limit specified in any such notice shall constitute a separate offense. The application of a penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions, nor preclude the City Attorney from causing to be instituted an appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate any violation.

Sec. 9-207 Abandoned Boats, Vessels, Wrecks, Etc.

1. Abandonment Prohibited. No person shall cause to be abandoned any watercraft or related equipment or appurtenances on the shores within Rockland Harbor or on the waters of Rockland Harbor, whether on a mooring or at anchor. Nor shall any person abandon or cause to be abandoned any boat, vessel, hull, or any raft at any wharves, docks or permanent floats within Rockland Harbor. No person shall abandon any boat, vessel, hull or watercraft upon unimproved shoreline, dock, float, mooring or at anchor except with the express consent and approval of the owner of the dock, float, mooring, shoreline or in the case of anchored watercraft, the consent and approval of the Harbor Master.

2. Presumption. Any boat, vessel, hull or raft left within the confines of Rockland Harbor and which has been unattended for a period of seven (7) days without the express consent and approval of the owner of the dock, float, mooring, shoreline or in the case of anchored watercraft, the consent and approval of the Harbor Master; shall be declared abandoned.

3. Disposal. Property deemed to be abandoned under this section shall be handled by the City according to the procedures established in Title 25, Section 3501 et seq. of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

4. Penalty. As allowed in Title 38, sec 12. Each day the violation is permitted to exist beyond the limits above described shall be considered a separate offense.

5. Impounding. If an abandoned watercraft is deemed to be a nuisance, a threat to navigation or a safety hazard, the Harbor Master may impound the watercraft at a site designated for this purpose. Impounding shall continue until such time as all procedures pursuant to Title 25 Section 3501 et seq. of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated have been completed or the owner of the watercraft has paid all costs involved with the impounding as well as any fines which have been assessed.

Sec. 9-208 Wharves: Obstruction by and Removal of Vessels

1. No owner or master of any steamer, vessel, boat or watercraft of any kind shall permit or suffer his watercraft to be more than one (1) tier deep, or in such a manner as to obstruct the free passage of other vessels going in and coming out, at any wharf in the City, after the master or owner of such vessel shall have been directed to remove the same by the Harbor Master.

2. The Harbor Master is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, to remove or cause to be removed any vessel or boat from any wharf in Port of Rockland when so requested by the owner of the wharf; and whenever he shall deem it necessary, he shall remove or cause to be removed any vessel lying in tier; and if any vessel, boat or raft shall anchor or lie contrary to any ordinance, rule or regulation, the Harbor Master shall forthwith give notice to the owner or master thereof, or to the person having the care of same, to remove the same; and if the notice be not complied with without delay, the Harbor Master shall make or cause the removal, at the expense of the owner or master of the vessel, boat or raft.

3. When appropriate, the provisions of Chapter 17 sec 17-419 governing the towing of motor vehicles shall also apply to the removal of boats, vessels or other craft from wharves, docks, and moorings.

Sec. 9-209 Removal from Public Wharves, Docks, Moorings and Boat Launching Ramps and Floats

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9-208 the Harbor Master or his appointed representative is hereby authorized to remove to a safe location without prior notice to the owner, any boat, vessel or other craft left at the public wharves, docks, moorings and boat launching ramps and floats for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours at the expense solely of the owner of the boat, vessel or craft. When appropriate, the provisions of Chapter 17 sec 17-419 governing the towing of motor vehicles shall also apply to the removal of boats, vessels or other craft from public wharves, docks, and moorings of boat launching ramps and floats.

Sec. 9-210 Operating Restrictions and Annoyances

1. Whoever operates any watercraft, vessel, water skis, surfboard, personal watercraft or similar device, however propelled, upon the waters of Rockland in a manner which endangers any person or property shall be guilty of a Class E crime as provided in Title 38, Maine Revised Statutes.

2. Whoever operates any watercraft, vessel, water skis, surfboard, personal watercraft or similar device, however propelled,

upon the waters of Rockland recklessly shall be guilty of a Class E crime as provided in Title 38, Maine Revised Statutes.

3. Whoever operates any watercraft, vessel, water skis, surfboard, personal watercraft or similar device, however propelled, upon the waters of Rockland while intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic drug, barbiturate or marijuana shall be guilty of a Class E crime as provided in Title 38, Maine Revised Statutes.

4. All power driven vessels run or operated in any tidal or other waters within Rockland shall be provided or equipped with proper and suitable mufflers or other devices which shall effectively deaden sound. The muffler shall be used all the time the engine or the motor boat is in operation; provided that it shall be allowable to cut out the mufflers, in case of boats while competing in boat races held under the auspices of some regularly organized club and with the approval of the Harbor Master, between the hours of eight (8) o'clock in the morning and sunset following.

Sec. 9-211 Safe Operating Speeds

The following shall be the maximum safe operating speeds of all vessels in Rockland Harbor:

1. Maximum Safe Operating Speed, Outer Harbor.

A. Outer Harbor Defined. Bounded on its East side by the West side of the Rockland Breakwater, including a projected line from the South end of the Breakwater to the black can buoy "S-1" at Spear's rock on the South side of the Harbor. Bounded on its West side by a projected line of North and South (True) at the location of the red nun buoy "N-2" in Rockland Harbor (Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West).

B. Safe Operating Speed in Outer Harbor. Speed limit in the outer harbor will be a maximum of ten (10) knots for displacement hulls only, except that for all types of hulls it shall be unlawful to operate a vessel in such a manner as to cause a wash, wake or waves that damage, endanger or unreasonably disturb any person, wharf, float, anchored or moored vessel, or vessel tied up to any pier, float, dock, or wharf while within an area of two hundred (200) yards from any float or mooring area or within one hundred (100) yards of an anchored boat or vessel.

2. Maximum Safe Operating Speed, Inner Harbor.

A. Inner Harbor Defined. Bounded on its East side by a projected line of North and South (True) at the location of the red nun buoy "N-2" in Rockland Harbor (Longitude 069 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West). Bounded on its West side by the shores and docks of Rockland Harbor.

B. Safe Operating Speed in the Inner Harbor. It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel within the Inner Harbor in such a manner as to cause a wash, wake or waves that damage, endanger or unreasonably disturb any person, wharf, float, anchored or moored vessel, or vessel tied up to any pier, float, dock, wharf or marina.

C. Channels; Mooring Areas; Docks. All types of watercraft, boats and vessels operating within any maintained channel, mooring areas or within one hundred (100) yards of any dock, shall maintain a speed which creates no discernible wake.

3. Exceptions. Nothing in these speed or wake regulations shall make unlawful any action necessary to (a) navigational safety, (b) observance to rules of the road, and (c) emergency missions by emergency or public safety craft. The burden shall be upon any person asserting the exception by this paragraph as a defense to a prosecution for violation of any speed or wake regulation.

4. Penalty. Violation of safe operating speed ordinances shall be deemed a civil violation, as provided in 38 M.R.S. § 12.

Sec. 9-212 Snow Marine Park and Johnson Memorial Park: Boat Launching Ramps and Floats

1. The boat launching ramps and floats were constructed to facilitate the launching and retrieval of vessels which are transported by wheeled trailer. This includes privately owned recreational vessels, small vessels used in commercial fishing (full time and part time), larger recreational vessels and commercial fishing vessels transported by commercial boat haulers, rental vessels launched for use by customers for short periods of time. The facilities are not intended to be commercial fishing industry support facilities, nor heavy equipment loading facilities. The movement of construction equipment, freight and supplies across the ramp for transport to other sites is specifically prohibited. A fee structure recognizing intended use for recreation and

extended use by commercial entities shall be used to compensate for the differences in user populations. These categories shall be:

- A. Private User - Those persons who use the ramp to launch and retrieve their personal boats.
- B. Commercial Boat Rental Companies - Companies using the launch ramp for the launch and/or retrieval of boats and PWC rented for the use of others.
- C. Boat Service Companies - Those companies who use the ramp for the pickup and delivery of vessels as a part of their repair service business, but do not charge a fee for transport of the vessel.
- D. Commercial Boat Transporter - Those companies who use the ramp for launch or retrieval of boats for which they receive transport or delivery fees. This includes delivery of boats by boat sales companies to the customer.
- E. Fees for use of the boat launching ramps and floats facility shall be set by Order of the City Council.

2. No person shall place, or allow to lie, any boat, vessel or any other craft at or on the public boat launching ramps or floats for a period in excess of thirty (30) minutes unless by special permission of the Harbor Master for reasons of mechanical failure, illness, or similar emergency. In no case shall such permission exceed a period of twenty-four (24) hours.

3. No person shall interfere with the lawful use of the public launching ramps and floats, within the City, by another person. The use of the public launching ramps shall be limited to launching and recovery of boats from and to wheeled trailers. The use of the public boat launching floats shall be limited to the embarking and disembarking of boat passengers along with their incidental possessions. Any exceptions of these limitations shall be by written permission of the Harbor Master.

Sec. 9-213 Rockland Public Landing

1. The City shall maintain and operate the Rockland Public Landing for the primary purpose of service to the transient boating public. Dockage for dinghies shall be provided at this facility for the convenience of the users of Rockland Harbor during the period May 15 to October 15 of each calendar year for a fee. Docking at the Public Landing shall be limited to two hours; unless the vessel operator agrees to payment of fees to allow for a longer stay at the facility.

2. No person shall place, or allow to lie, any boat or vessel or other craft at a public wharf, dock, or mooring, for a period in excess of two (2) hours, except as allowed by other sections or with the express permission of the Harbor Master or his/her appointed representative.

3. All dinghies permitted by the Harbor Master for dockage shall be removed from the facility prior to October 15th of each calendar year.

4. The Harbor Master shall seek and maintain appropriate federal security clearance for part or all of the facility. Passenger-carrying vessels that require a U.S. Coast Guard secure facility meeting the requirements established in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 105 and that embark or disembark passengers shall pay a (1) wharfage charge and (2) port development fee, per passenger as per the vessel's lower berth capacity. The port development fee shall be utilized exclusively and reserved for pending or future capital and other expenses incurred by the City in maintaining and improving Harbor Park, its facilities, and/or harbor and waterfront areas along or serving Harbor Park.

5. Fees. Shall be set by City Council Order.

6. Penalty for violation of this section shall be as allowed in 38 M.R.S. § 12 in addition to the accumulated docking or mooring fee.

Sec. 9-214 Rockland Middle Pier

1. The City shall maintain and operate the Rockland Middle Pier for the primary purpose of service to commercial passenger carrying vessels during the period of May 15 to October 15 inclusive of each calendar year. Vessels desiring summer berths at this facility shall make application to the Harbor Management Commission by October 31 for the following season. The Middle Pier also may be available for long term winter dockage with limited utilities, between October 15 and May 15. The Commission shall award berthing to such vessels as best utilize the space available and may consider among other things - vessel capability of safely operating within the navigable constraints of the facility, current uses and users, number of passengers which the vessel will carry, vessel schedules (daily and full season), availability and effect on parking and traffic at the facility, and availability of and vessel need for public utilities. Preference will be given to those vessels requesting berths for full season and obligating their vessel to that full season.

2. Applications for berths are available from the Harbor Master Office on the waterfront.

3. The Harbor Master may authorize vessels permitted to dock at the Middle Pier to embark or disembark passengers

from the Public Landing, if space is available and on only an occasional basis, without incurring additional wharfage charges.

4. Fees for docking at this facility shall be set by Order of the City Council.

Sec. 9-215 Special Events: Harbor Park, Buoy Park, Snow Marine Park

1. Any organization may apply for permission to hold special events on the waterfront properties owned by the City. Organizations shall provide a certificate of insurance covering the event, agreed upon police assistance for traffic or crowd control and an agreement on set up and clean up of municipal property for the event. Applications for events are available at the Harbor Master Office on the waterfront and, for those events that require the exclusive use of one or more parks, shall be filed with the Harbor Management Commission at least 30 days prior to the event. The Harbor Management Commission shall be the review authority for special events in and requiring the exclusive use of one or more waterfront parks; the Harbormaster in consultation with the City Manager shall be the review authority for special events in waterfront parks that do not require the exclusive use of park(s). Applications shall be reviewed and granted, granted with conditions, or denied on the basis of reviews and recommendations by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Harbormaster, and conformity of the proposed special events with any criteria and limitations imposed thereon by any order or policy of the City Council.

The review authority may authorize the placement of up to four off-premises signs within a Rockland right-of-way, or on private property adjacent to street rights-of-way so long as the applicant has been granted permission from the property owner, that:

- A. Do not exceed 32 sq. ft. in area each;
- B. Are placed no sooner than 14 days prior to the start of the special event, and are removed within 24 hours of the end of the special event;
- C. The sign locations meet all the requirements in the Rockland Sign Ordinance, Ch. 19, Art. III, Sec. 19-315(3)(E) – Placement, except for subsection 19-315(3)(E)(4); and

Sign installations must be safe, not create a hazard to the public, and be maintained in good repair. Eff: 6/10/15

2. Public access to Harbor Park shall not be restricted for more than four weekends during the period Memorial Day to Labor Day of each year.

3. Up to three food vendors may be allowed in Buoy Park, situated between the Lobster Cooker and the Middle Pier, and one food vendor may be allowed at the Municipal Fish Pier, during the season of May 1 to October 31 of each calendar year. Special event organizers granted exclusive use of Buoy Park may charge the Buoy Park vendors a fee at a rate no greater than that charged other concession operators during the event, and may require such vendors to relocate their concession stands to a location with Harbor or Buoy Park where other food concessions are to be located during the event, in which instance the food vendor may reduce their fee paid to such special event organizer by the actual cost of thus relocating. Special event organizers may in no event require a food vendor to cease operations or remove his or her stand from Buoy Park. Eff: 5/13/15

In addition, one food vendor may be allowed in Snow Marine Park and one food vendor may be allowed in Johnson Memorial Park during the season of May 1 to October 31 of each calendar year.

4. Organizations, including for-profit organizations, may be allowed to use Harbor, Buoy, or Snow Marine Park between May 1 and October 31 of each calendar year on a recurrent, regularly-scheduled basis that is no more frequent than once per week, for less than 6 hours, so long as such use does not conflict with other special events.

5. Fees for using municipal properties for all events shall be set by Order of the City Council. Requests for waiving of fees shall be directed to the Harbor Management Commission as delegated by the City Council in Sec 2-703.

Sec. 9-216 Public Grounds

No person shall place, or allow to lie, any boat, skid, trailer, or other craft on the waterfront public grounds for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless by special permission of the Harbor Master for reasons of mechanical failure, illness, or similar emergency. When appropriate, the provisions of Chapter 17 sec 17-419 governing the towing of motor vehicles shall also apply to the removal of boats, skids, trailers or other craft from waterfront public grounds.

ARTICLE III Mooring Permits & Inspections

Sec. 9-301 Mooring Permit Requirements

It shall be unlawful to place a mooring within Rockland Harbor without a permit from the City of Rockland. It shall be

unlawful for any person or vessel to violate the terms and conditions of any permit issued pursuant to these ordinances. It shall be unlawful for any vessel to use any mooring permitted by the City of Rockland without express approval of the permit holder or the Harbor Master in emergency situations. An emergency situation will be temporary in nature (no more than twenty four hours) to allow the vessel owner to make repairs or to make arrangements with a repair facility. Notification of use of a mooring for an emergency must be made to the Harbor Master via telephone or marine radiotelephone. It shall be unlawful for any person or vessel to use any mooring not permitted by the City of Rockland.

Sec. 9-302 Mooring Permit Conditions

1. Applications for renewal of mooring permits for any calendar year period must be filed with the Harbor Master by March 15th of the current year on forms prescribed by the City of Rockland. Mooring permit renewal applications received after the March 15th deadline are subject to a late fee per mooring permit as set by City Council Order.
2. All mooring permits expire on December 31st of the calendar year.
3. Mooring permit applications for new moorings will be accepted throughout the year subject to space availability.
4. Mooring permits are not assignable to others nor transferable upon the sale of the mooring tackle. Private mooring assignments must be used solely for the boat listed in the mooring application. Occasional use by friends may be allowed. Exceptions to this are described in subparagraph 13 below.
5. Mooring permit applications must be complete when submitted and shall specify the name, address and telephone number of the applicant; the purpose of the mooring – whether private, service or rental (see Section 9-105); the type and size of the mooring tackle to be used; whether the mooring tackle has been inspected, by whom and when; the name, length, draft, beam, tonnage and registration or documentation number, model, type and principal use of the vessel to be placed on the mooring; the municipality in which excise tax is paid on the vessel; and a legible signature of the permit applicant noting acceptance of all permit conditions. Failure to submit a complete application may be cause for rejection by the Harbor Master.
 - A. Mooring site location, depth of water at Mean Low Water, and maximum length vessel allowed at the mooring site is determined by the Harbor Master and shall be provided to the applicant on their renewal application.
6. Any mooring intended for use as a rental mooring must have an Army Corps of Engineers permit and a Certificate of Insurance for moorings attached to the municipal application. Failure to submit these documents may be cause for rejection by the Harbor Master. A mooring permitted as a private mooring or service mooring may not be converted into a rental mooring.
7. Any mooring intended as a private mooring must have a copy of the current year payment of excise tax for the boat assigned from the municipality in which that tax is paid. Maine residents must pay the excise tax in the municipality of their residence. Persons from outside the state of Maine shall pay excise tax on their boat either (1) In their state of residence or (2) In Rockland – the place in which the vessel is placed on a mooring, berthed in a slip at a marina, or is stored for the off season. This may be at a place other Rockland but is assumed to be Rockland until proof of payment of the excise tax for another municipality is presented. All vessels, whether documented or state registered, are liable for payment of excise tax in the State of Maine if proof of payment elsewhere is not provided.
8. The Harbor Master shall maintain waiting lists for mooring areas in which no more vessels can be safely moored, showing the priority of each applicant.
9. The Harbor Master shall maintain charts of each mooring area showing the location of all permitted moorings.
10. Any applicant rejected by the Harbor Master shall be notified in writing within 30 days of receipt of completed application as to the reason for rejection. The Harbor Master decision may be appealed to the Harbor Management Commission. (Sec 2-703).). The applicant shall have 30 days in which to file an appeal.
11. For purposes of increasing the efficiency of a mooring area, for the safety of vessels or for other harbor management improvements the Harbor Master may direct that a mooring site be vacated and that the mooring tackle be moved at the owner's expense to a new location. The Harbor Master decision may be appealed to the Harbor Management Commission. (Sec 2-703). The applicant shall have 30 days in which to file an appeal.

12. Mooring site assignees may change vessels on their assigned mooring site only with the permission of the Harbor Master. In general they will be limited to the same approximate size and type of vessel unless, in the judgment of the Harbor Master, a change can be made without adversely affecting the adjoining mooring space assignees or the safety of the vessels and mooring area about them.
13. Permit holders whose mooring sites are not used for any consecutive three month period between May 1 and October 31 of any calendar year shall have their site deemed as abandoned unless:
 - A. Written notification is made to the Harbor Master describing extenuating circumstances such as sale of boat, emergency situations, inability to use boat in a season, etc. A permit for the site must remain valid with all fees paid.
 - B. Those sites which remain unused into and through a second valid permitted year shall have the mooring tackle removed by the Harbor Master at the owner's expense at the end of the permit period and the mooring site shall be assigned to other persons or entities in accordance with these regulations unless a waiver has been obtained from the Harbor Management Commission.
14. Any person or entity not complying with any of the provisions of this section of the ordinances regarding mooring permits may result in the rejection of mooring permit applications, revocation of a current permit, the removal of mooring tackle from Rockland Harbor at the owner's expense, forfeiture of ownership of the mooring tackle and/or a fee of no less than fifty dollars(\$50.00) for the services of the Harbor Master in achieving compliance. The Harbor Master decision may be appealed to the Harbor Management Commission. (Sec 2-703). The applicant shall have 30 days in which to file an appeal.
15. Application forms for permits may be obtained from the Harbor Master at the Harbor Building on the waterfront. Copies of harbor plan maps may be purchased from the Harbor Master at the Harbor Building on the waterfront.
16. Fees for permanent mooring permits shall be set by Order of the City Council.

Sec. 9-303 Assignment, Grandfathering and Transferring of Mooring Rights and Locations

1. The Harbor Master shall assign mooring sites for approved mooring permits based on vessel size and assignment priority of the applicant.
 - A. In assigning mooring sites the Harbor Master shall maintain channels and access to piers, wharves and docks.
 - B. Moorings for vessels 50 feet in length or greater(including all appendages) or 20 feet in breadth or greater may at the discretion of the Harbor Master be assigned only in non-congested waters.
 - C. No person may receive permits for more than one(1) private mooring site per boat owned., and no more than three(3) private mooring sites total.
 - D. No person or entity may receive permits for more than five(5) service mooring sites.
 - E. No person or entity may receive permits for more than twenty(20) rental mooring sites.
2. Once a mooring permit has been approved and/or a mooring site has been assigned, the mooring permit holder must comply with the following provisos regarding these mooring rights:
 - A. Mooring rights shall be non-assignable.
 - B. Mooring rights shall be non-transferable.
 - C. Persons or entities having mooring permits as of December 31st of the calendar year in a given location who apply for a permit renewal prior to March 15th of the next calendar year shall have priority for that location as against other persons with the same or lower priority under Sec 9-114 of these ordinances.
 - D. Subject to the provisions of Sec 9-113.2.C above, persons awarded permits shall have priority for that location as against other persons or entities with the same or lower priority under Sec 9-114 of these ordinances, provided that (a) the mooring is not abandoned, (b) the owner files timely applications every year to renew the permit for that mooring site, (c) the owner pays all applicable fees in a timely fashion.

3. No grandfathering of rights for a particular mooring site nor rights for transfer of a particular mooring site are conveyed by these ordinances.

- A. This includes corporations or entities owning mooring tackle and having mooring sites assigned. Sale of a corporation or entity may require the movement of mooring tackle to new sites assigned by the Harbor Master.
- B. Those individuals with two(2) mooring sites and only one(1) boat at the time of enactment of these ordinances shall retain the right to renew two(2) mooring sites so long as permits remain valid and all fees are paid.

Sec. 9-304 Mooring Site Assignment Priorities

1. Rockland Harbor shall be managed with equal and open access to all persons and entities. Mooring sites in each mooring area shall be assigned by the Harbor Master on a first come, first served basis, subject to the application requirements and conditions. Assignment priorities may exist when providing access to all, as prescribed by current state and federal regulations. These priority assignments are:

- A. First, to riparian owners is granted the right to one mooring site in waters as reasonably close to their property as is safe for the vessel or use applied for by the property owner. A riparian owner must have a boat to place on the mooring. Simple shoreline ownership does not meet the requirements for having a mooring. Exception: Marinas which are riparian owners may have one rental mooring which is not required to have a vessel assigned.
- B. Second, to commercial fishing vessels owned by residents of the City of Rockland.
- C. Third, to pleasure vessels and other commercial vessels owned by residents of the City of Rockland.
- D. Fourth, to recreational vessels or commercial fishing vessels owned by non-residents.
- E. Fifth, to entities or persons seeking to establish rental moorings or service moorings.
- F. Sixth, to other commercial vessels owned by non-residents.
- G. Seventh, to vessel owners seeking multiple mooring sites or seeking to move their existing mooring to a new site.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no moorings for vessels 50 feet or greater in length(including all appendages) or 20 feet in beam shall be assigned in the following mooring areas:

- A. Lermond Cove
- B. Central South

Sec. 9-305 Mooring Tackle Standards and Requirements

1. All moorings must be of sufficient size and weight, with chain or rope in sound condition to properly secure the moored vessel and the float attached to the mooring line shall be of sufficient size and buoyancy to remain afloat when not attached to the vessel. Each mooring float shall be marked with the number of its assigned permit, and with the vessel or mooring owner’s name.

2. The following standards for mooring tackle shall be complied with:

- A. No mushroom anchors or danforth anchors shall be set as primary mooring tackle in Rockland Harbor.
- B. Permanent moorings shall be granite block, concrete or embedded anchor.
- C. Minimum size construction of moorings, based upon vessel size shall be:

| Boat Length | Boat Weight | Block Weight | Bottom Chain Size | Top Chain Size |
|-------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 16-20 feet | Up to 2000 lbs | 1000 lbs granite 2000 lbs concrete Embedded Anchor | 1” | ½” chain ¾” nylon doubled |
| 20-30 feet | Up to 8000 lbs | 2500 lbs granite 4000 lbs concrete Embedded Anchor | 1” | ½” chain 1” nylon doubled |
| 30-40 feet | Up to 16000 lbs | 4000 lbs granite | 1-1/8” | ½” chain |

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| | | 7000 lbs concrete Embedded Anchor | | |
| 40-50 feet | Up to 25000 lbs | 6000 lbs granite | 1-1/8" | 1/2" chain |
| | | 10000 lbs concrete | | |
| Over 50 feet | Over 25000 lbs | 10000 granite Embedded Anchor | 1-1/8" | 3/4" chain |

This chart contains minimum standards for new mooring tackle. Mooring tackle already installed at the time on enactment of this ordinance is grandfathered until such time as it is removed. It is recommended that vessels moored year-round and/or in open waters should upgrade 1-3 steps from the minimum.

- D. Bottom chain shall be of the size indicated above and shall be of a scope equal to the depth of water at Mean Low Water but no greater than the depth of water at Mean High Water.
- E. Top chain shall be of the size indicated above and shall be of a scope equal to the depth of water at Mean High Water but no greater than 1.5 times the depth of water at Mean High Water.
- F. Pennants shall be of non-floating nylon or manila, minimum 3/4" size, shall be of a bridle construction with two legs and shall be of a scope of approximately three(3) times the distance from the forward chock to the waterline of the vessel.(Approximately 12 feet for vessels 20 to 30 feet in length, 15 feet for vessels 30 to 40 feet in length, 20 feet for vessels 45 to 55 feet in length, and 25 to 35 foot pennant for vessels 60 feet and greater.)
- G. Pickup buoys(if used) shall be attached with small line no longer than the pennant itself.

3. Mooring Markers/Float Buoys:

- A. The following standards for mooring balls shall be complied with:
 - (1) Private/Service Moorings shall be marked by white hardball, polyball or conical buoy or mooring box which shall have the name of the owner or vessel and the assigned mooring permit number painted on the marker in black. It is recommended that the word PRIVATE also be stenciled on the buoy.
 - (2) Rental Moorings shall be marked by a plain white hardball, polyball or conical buoy painted to identify the control of the mooring including telephone number or radio channel for contact, and the assigned mooring permit number. It is recommended that the word RENTAL also be stenciled on the buoy.
 - (3) Winter Markers: Mooring buoys and pennants shall be removed prior to November 15th of each year unless the mooring is used on a year-round basis. A winter marker of sufficient buoyancy shall be placed on the mooring. This marker shall be stenciled or etched with the assigned mooring permit number.

4. Mooring Tackle Retrievals and Failures

- A. The retrieval of mooring tackle which has failed and lies on the bottom is the sole responsibility of the mooring tackle owner.
- B. The failure of mooring tackle which results in a vessel drifting loose and any subsequent damage that that vessel may cause or incur is the sole responsibility of the mooring tackle owner.

5. Any person or entity not complying with any of the provisions of this section of the ordinances regarding mooring tackle standards may result in the rejection of mooring permit applications, revocation of a current permit, the removal of mooring tackle from Rockland Harbor at the owner's expense, forfeiture of ownership of the mooring tackle and/or a fee of no less than fifty dollars(\$50.00) for the services of the Harbor Master in achieving compliance.

Sec. 9-306 Mooring Tackle Inspections

1. A qualified mooring inspector shall inspect all mooring tackle not less than once every two years. Failure to comply will result in the rejection of a mooring permit renewal application and removal of the mooring tackle at the owner's expense.

2. All qualified mooring inspectors must submit a mooring inspection certificate for each mooring inspected to the Harbor Master. Private mooring owners may not qualify to inspect their own mooring. Failure to submit inspection certificates will result in the removal of an inspector from the list of those qualified.

3. The Harbor Master may at his/her discretion cause a mooring to be hauled or may hire a diver for inspection of a mooring at any time at the mooring owner's expense if:

- A. The mooring tackle has not been inspected in accordance with these ordinances;
- B. The Harbor Master has reasonable cause to believe the mooring is unsafe.

Sec. 9-307 Mooring; Penalty for Neglecting to Remove or Replace

In case of the neglect or refusal of the master or owner of any boat or vessel to remove his mooring or to replace it by one of different character, when so directed by the Harbor Master, the Harbor Master shall cause the mooring to be removed, or shall make such change in the character thereof as required, and shall collect from the master or owner of such boat or vessel the sum of one hundred dollars(\$100) for either of such services rendered. In addition, the owner of the mooring tackle shall be liable for all expenses incurred to comply with the Harbor Master Order, as provided by Title 38, Maine Revised Statutes.

State Law Reference: 23 M.R.S. § 2801; 25 M.R.S. § 3501; 29 M.R.S. § 1111; 30-A M.R.S. § 4452; 38 M.R.S. §§ 1-285

Cross Reference: Chapter 2, Article VII; Chapter 17, § 419.

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