



Town Clerk's Office



Town of Hollis
34 Town Farm Rd.
Hollis, ME 04042

929-8552

**ORDINANCE FOR THE RECALL
OF
ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

SECTION 1 AUTHORITY

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Sub Section 2602(6) and 3001.

Section 2. Applicability

Any Elected Municipal Official, with the exception of School Board Members, of the Town of Hollis may be recalled and removed from office as here in provided for.

Section 3 Petition for Recall

- a. *The petition for recall must contain signatures of registered voters of the Town of Hollis equal to 20% of the number of votes cast in the last Gubernatorial Election, but in all cases no fewer than (150) one hundred and fifty.*
- b. *The petition shall be addressed to the Board of Selectmen as the Board with the power to call elections pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Sub Section 2528.*
- c. *The petition shall state the name and office of the person whose removal is being sought, a specific statement of the reason such removal is desired, and the names of the persons circulating the petition.*
- d. *If recall of more than one official is being sought, there shall be a separate petition for each official whose removal is being sought.*
- e. *Each page of the petition shall provide a space for the voter's signature, address and printed name.*
- f. *All petition pages thereof shall be filed as one document.*

Section 4. Clerk Certification.

Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the petition, the Town Clerk shall certify the signatures contained on the petition and shall determine if

the petition meets all the qualification as set forth in the section 3 of this ordinance. Should the petition be found insufficient, the petition will be filed in the Clerk's office and the voter who filed the petition will be notified.

Section 5. Calling the Recall Election

- a. If the petition is certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, he or she will submit the same with his or her certification to the board at their next regular meeting and shall notify the Officials whose removal is being sought by such action.*
- b. The Selectmen, upon receipt of the certified petition, shall within ten (10) days time of receipt order an election by Secret Ballot to be held not less than Forty five (45) nor more than sixty (60) days of thereafter, provided that a regular municipal election will not be held within ninety (90) days of receipt by the Selectmen of the certified petition. In the case of such an election, the Selectmen may at their discretion provide for the holding of the recall election on the date of the regular Municipal Election.*
- c. In the event that the Town Selectmen unreasonably refuse to order an election as herein provided, a Notary Public may call the election to be held not less than forty five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days following the Selectmen's refusal to order the required election.*

Section 6. Ballot for Recall Election

The ballots shall be printed and shall read "Shall _____ Be Recalled?" with The name of the official whose recall is being sought inserted in the blank space.

Section 7. Results of Election

In the event of an affirmative vote for removal, such vote shall take effect as of the recording of the vote tabulation into the records, after any inspection or recount or after the time for an inspection or recount has expired.

Section 8. Vacancies to be filled

Any vacancy resulting from removal from office under this ordinance shall be filled in accordance with the provisions contained in the Maine State Statutes.

Section 9. Interim Powers

The official whose recall is sought shall have all those powers and duties of the office until the effective date of an affirmative vote for removal

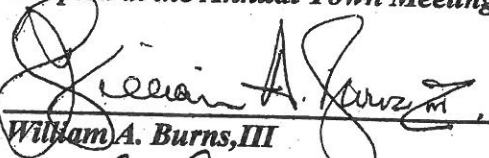
Section 10. Successive Petitions

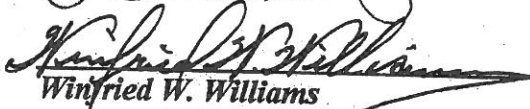
The subsequent recall petition may not be filed for a least six (6) months after a failed recall election on that official.

Section 11. Appointment

A person recalled from office may (not) be appointed to the same office.

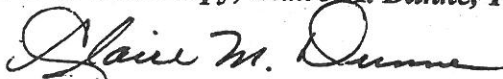
Adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held in Hollis Maine on June 14, 2003


William A. Burns, III


Winfried W. Williams


John S. Wood

Attest: to be a true copy, Claire M. Dunne, Town Clerk


Claire M. Dunne