

Chapter 703

TOWN LANDING

§703-1. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001 and to 38 M.R.S. A. Section 7.

§703-2. Purpose

This Ordinance provides for the just and orderly operation of the Town Boat Landing area, its ramp and docks, so that watercraft, passengers and equipment have adequate and clear access to the Damariscotta River.

§703-3. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Town of Damariscotta.

§703-4. Rules and Regulations

- (a) **PUBLIC FLOAT:** The Public Float shall be used solely for loading and unloading passengers and equipment.
- (b) **BOAT LANDING AREA:** Watercraft shall be unloaded and loaded into the water via the Boat Landing Area only.
- (c) **LOADING AND UNLOADING OF EQUIPMENT AND PASSENGERS:**
Loading and unloading shall be allowed from the outside of the outer facing/riverside float and must be done as quickly as possible to allow others to have access to the floats for the same purpose. Watercraft will not be allowed to tie up for longer than is reasonable to load and unload passengers and equipment, with a maximum time limit of 15 minutes. This time limit may be exceeded (up to a maximum of 30 minutes) for vessels which are 25 feet or more in length or for sailing vessels, as such types of watercraft may require more preparation for launching or retrieval purposes. The time limit may also be exceeded (up to a maximum of 30 minutes) for the loading and unloading of passengers whose disability or other health-related limitations require additional time.
- (d) **SKIFF BOATS:** Skiff or Tender boats, no longer than 12 feet in length, solely used for the purpose of traveling back and forth to another boat stored on a mooring in the harbor, may be stored on the inner southerly facing float area. Skiffs and gear may not be stored on the Public Float or ramp area.
- (e) **TIE-UP LIMIT:** Boaters are allowed to tie-up along the outside of the southerly facing

(riverside) floats for a period not to exceed a two-hour time limit.

§703-5. Fees and Penalties

(a) Any person(s) violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following fees and penalties in accordance with enforcement procedures set forth in paragraph (b) below.

Misuse of Public Float	§703-2(a)	\$50
Improper Use of Boat Landing Area	§703-2(b)	\$50
Unnecessary delays or exceeding time limits	§703-2(c)	\$10
Improper tie up to the Public Float	§703-2(c)	\$50
Improper tender/skiff storage	§703-2(d)	\$25
Violation of Tie-Up Limit	§703-2(e)	\$10

(b) Enforcement

- (1) Enforcement officers, as set forth in Section 703-6, shall issue a warning for each first violation of this Ordinance.
- (2) Subsequent violations shall be fined as listed above and as outlined in this Section.
- (3) Repeat violations of this Ordinance shall cause any fine amounts to double unless otherwise specified.
- (4) In addition to the fines specified above, any enforcement officer aware of a third violation of this Ordinance may cause that boat, vehicle and/or trailer to be removed at the owner's expense.

(c) All fines shall be paid to the Town Treasurer at P.O. Box 218, Damariscotta, Maine 03453, within 5 days of the date of the notice.

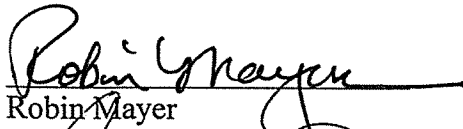
§703-6. Enforcement

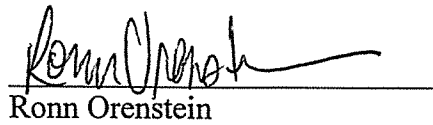
This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Damariscotta Police Department, Harbor Master, Deputy Harbor Master or any other law enforcement official of the Town, County or State.

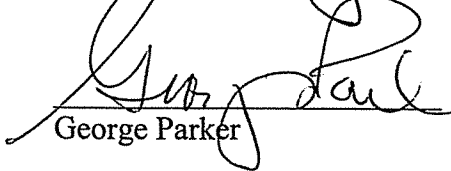
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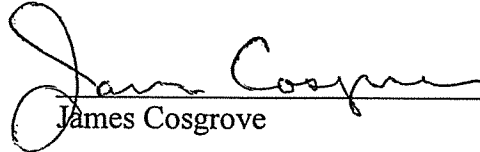
Each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

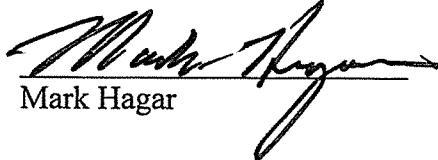
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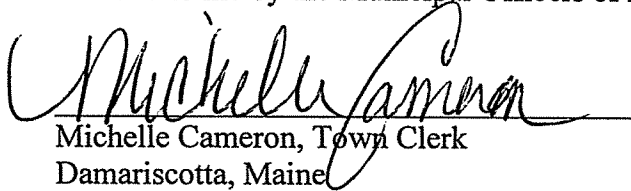

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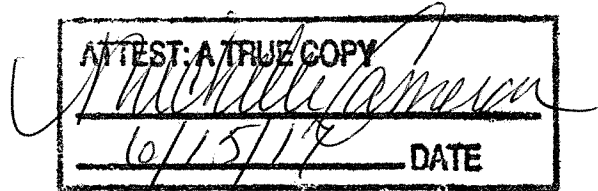

Mark Hagar

Attest: A true copy of an Ordinance entitled: "Town Landing." Enacted June 14, 2017, as certified to me by the Municipal Officers of Damariscotta, Maine on the 14th day of June, 2017.


Michelle Cameron, Town Clerk
Damariscotta, Maine

Legislative History

Enacted July 17, 2000, effective July 17, 2000
Revised June 14, 2017, effective June 14, 2017


ATTEST: A TRUE COPY
6/15/17 DATE

