

# **TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT USE OF PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE**

**Enacted May 5, 2009  
Amended May 2, 2023**

1. No person shall use or permit to be used any public thoroughfare, public street, beach, cemetery, public land or any other public place in the Town of Mount Desert for the purpose of overnight accommodation or a temporary or permanent abode or habitation, except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Mount Desert.
2. In addition, no person shall park any vehicle or trailer, erect any tent, lean-to or similar shelter with the intent to camp or sleep on any public thoroughfare, public street, beach, cemetery, public land or any other public place in the Town of Mount Desert.
3. Any person or corporation who violates, disobeys, refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100), nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$2,500) for each offense. Each day that a violation continues after notification shall constitute a separate offense, and each violation shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, Part 2, Subpart 6-A, Chapter 187, Subchapter 5 (30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452), the Town may recover all costs of enforcement of this ordinance, including reasonable attorney's fees.
4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
5. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, Part 2, Subpart 4, Chapter 141 (30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001, *et seq.*).
6. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Town of Mount Desert.
7. The effective date of this Ordinance is: May 5, 2009.