



TOWN OF MILLINOCKET

197 Penobscot Avenue
Millinocket, Maine 04462

September 15, 2021

To the residents of Millinocket,

Please take note of the below ordinance and the Maine Criminal Code listed below. I have had complaints of people parking on town sidewalks and tree belts. I am going to ask the Police to start ticketing vehicles as this is an unacceptable practice. We have also had complaints about our sidewalks being in disrepair and we are working on a plan to revitalize them. This will take time and will be done based on the level of damage to the sidewalks. These damages could be caused by vehicles that break down the edge of the sidewalk when the vehicles have parked on them. Private Plows damaging the sidewalks during the winter months and tree roots causing damage to the sidewalks over time.

Town code 115-13 E. Sidewalks. Which states: No vehicle shall be driven on or allowed to stand on any sidewalk except for the purposes of crossing the same when necessary, and then only in the shortest way from the street to the abutting estate. Also, code 115-13 G tree belts which states: No vehicle shall be allowed to stand for any period of time on any tree belt within the limits of the town that has not been surfaced with bituminous concrete.

Town Code 115-24. Violations and Penalties

- A. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the forgoing regulations may be assessed an amount not exceeding \$25 for the first and any subsequent offenses.

Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE

§505. Obstructing public ways

1. A person is guilty of obstructing public ways if he unreasonably obstructs the free passage of foot or vehicular traffic on any public way, and refuses to cease or remove the obstruction upon a lawful order to do so given him by a law enforcement officer.

[1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

2. As used in this section, "public way" means a way, including a sidewalk, owned and maintained by the State, a county or a municipality over which the general public has a right to pass by foot or by vehicle, a way upon which the public has access as invitees or licensees or a way under the control of park commissioners or a body having like powers.

[2017, c. 432, Pt. C, §2 (AMD) .]

3. Obstructing public ways is a Class E crime.

Please help us improve our community for the future by not parking on the sidewalks. Thank you for your help and support.

Richard Angotti
Code Enforcement
CC: East Millinocket Police Department