

## **RECYCLING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF ANSON**

- 1. Title and Purpose:** This ordinance shall be known as the Recycling Ordinance for the Town of Anson. This ordinance has several purposes: to preserve and protect environmental resources, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, to enhance the quality and character of life in the Town, and to improve efforts to recover and reuse valuable resources currently being wasted.
- 2. Scope:** This ordinance applies to all domestic, commercial and industrial produces of solid waste in the Town of Anson.
- 3. Authority:** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Home Rule powers granted in the Maine Constitution, 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001 et. Seq., and 38 M.R.S.A. Section 1301 et seq.
- 4. Definitions:** The definitions set forth in 38 M.R.S.A. Section 1303 apply to this ordinance and are incorporated herein. Any word not otherwise defined shall have its ordinary meaning.
- 5. Recycling Requirement:** All solid waste shall have the following commodities (“recyclable materials”) separated out and properly prepared in a readily manageable form when set out for pick up by the Recycling Agency at curbside:
  1. Plastics allowed #1 PET and #2 HDPE plastic bottles and jugs, except petroleum (oil, etc.) Containers.
  2. Newspapers, magazines, including inserts, phone books, magazines, catalogs..
  3. Cardboard including corrugated cardboard and grocery bags.
  4. Mixed Paper including boxboard, paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel tubes, shoe boxes and similar items), foreign cardboard and paper egg cartons, all types of office and school paper, brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, mail, junk mail, and any similar products.
  5. Glass: all glass jars, separated by color.
  6. Cans: All metal: cans, pie tins, foil and metal jar lids.
  7. Any other recyclable materials that the Association should choose to recycle at a future date.
  8. All white goods such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, etc. shall be disposed of at the expense of the owner at a licensed recycling business accepting such products.
- 6. Recycling Facility:** The Town shall provide for the collection of residential recyclable materials.
- 7. Administration and Enforcement:** The Municipal Officer or their duly appointed agent, county, state or local law enforcement officers shall administer and enforce this ordinance. It shall be the responsibility of the Recycling Association and the Selectmen of Anson to post in the annual town

report the materials that are being accepted for recycling.

**8. Restrictions:**

- a. No commercial hauler will accept solid waste with obvious recyclables in the bags or any obvious recyclable materials left for the hauler to dispose of.

**9. Violations and Penalties:** Violations of this ordinance shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4452 as land use violations. The penalties set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 4452 shall apply to this ordinance.

In addition to the foregoing penalty provisions, any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity who fails to separate the recyclable materials listed in Section 5 above from their solid waste shall face penalties as set forth by the Somerset County Court System.

**10. Amendments:** This ordinance may be amended as provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3004 (4).

**11. Severability and Effective Date:** If any provision of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect. This ordinance shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the voters at any regular or special town meeting.

Public Hearing held on :

I hereby certify that the Town of Anson, by vote of their legislative body, and became effective on 1997.

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Jana Viles, Town Clerk  
Town of Anson