

PROPOSED
NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSORS ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

SECTION 1. Title and Purpose:

This ordinance shall be known as the "Notification of Assessors Ordinance of the Town of Mercer, Maine", and will be referred to herein as "this Ordinance". It is enacted by the inhabitants of the Town of Mercer to help achieve fair taxation by requiring that the Assessors be notified of any new taxable real property created within the Town by the construction, expansion, placement, or relocation of any dwelling or other structure of value, as specified in this Ordinance.

(Note: This is not a building code. It imposes absolutely no regulations or standards with which buildings must comply.

This is not a building permit. There is no application, review, or cause for denial or restriction.

It simply requires that the Assessors be notified of whatever new real property is built or moved into Town.)

SECTION 2. Authority:

- 2.1 This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority given the Town in 30-A M.R.S.A. 3001 (Home Rule).
- 2.2 The effective date of this Ordinance shall be April 2, 1992, by vote of the legislative body of the Town of Mercer.
- 2.3 This Ordinance shall in no way impair or remove the necessity of compliance with any other rule, regulation, by-law, permit, or provision of law.
- 2.4 This Ordinance shall apply to the construction, placement, or relocation of any dwelling or other structure of value, including mobile homes, which occupies a floor area in excess of 150 square feet, and to any expansion in excess of 150 square feet of any existing dwelling or other structure of value. It shall not apply to travel trailers, campers, or the like.

SECTION 3. Administration:

- 3.1 Notification of new taxable real property, as specified above, shall be provided to the Assessors before the annual date of assessment, April 1, following the creation of the property.
- 3.2 Notification of Assessors forms will be available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office. They need only be completed and submitted to the Clerk, who shall maintain a file of them for the Assessors' reference.
- 3.3 No fee shall be required, no standards imposed, nor any inspection of any structure be made, except for the purpose of assessing.

SECTION 4. Failure to Comply:

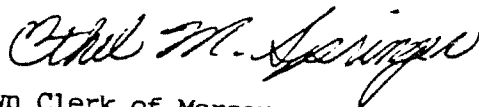
- 4.1 A fine of \$25.00 shall be imposed by the Municipal Officers for failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Validity and Amendments:

- 5.1 Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision.
- 5.2 This Ordinance may be amended by majority vote of the Town at any Town Meeting, the warrant for which gives notice of the proposed change.

Attest: A true copy of an ordinance entitled "Notification of Assessors Ordinance of the Town of Mercer, Maine", as certified to me by the municipal officers of Mercer on the 6th day of February, 1992.

Signature



Town Clerk of Mercer