The Sheepscot River Bridge Diving Ordinance  
for the Town of Palermo, Maine.

A. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Town of Palermo “Sheepscot River Bridge Diving Ordinance” and will be referred to as “this Ordinance”.

B. Authority.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Home Rule Provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second and the M.R.S.A. Title 30A § 2104, et seq., Title 30A §3001 and Title 30A §3009.

C. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the safety of pedestrians and motorists in the area of the Sheepscot River Bridge on Route 3 in Palermo.

D. Effective Date.

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date approved by the Town of Palermo, acting through it’s Municipal Officers on August 3, 2007.

E. Prohibited Activities.

1. Diving Prohibited:
   No person shall jump or dive into the river from the Sheepscot River Bridge on Route 3, in Palermo, Maine.

2. Loitering Prohibited:
   No person shall loiter on the Sheepscot River Bridge on Route 3, in Palermo, Maine or on any section of the State Right-of-Way within 200 feet of the nearest bridge abutment of the Sheepscot River Bridge on Route 3, in Palermo, Maine except for a legitimate purpose. Legitimate purposes being: a vehicle accident, an emergency circumstance or in the performance of work.

F. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Waldo County Sheriff’s Department and the Maine State Police pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 25 § 1502.

G. Penalty.

Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance is a civil violation and shall be punishable by a fine of $100.00 for a first offense and a fine of $200.00, for each
subsequent offense, plus costs of the Municipality, to be recovered under the procedure set forth in the Maine Rules of Court and Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. An individual charged with a violation of this Ordinance, may within 10 days of being so charged, pay to the Municipality the fine as set forth herein in lieu of Court Action and will not therefore incur the additional assessment of the costs of the Municipality.

Enacted: 8-2-07

Date

Certified by: [Signature]

Title: Town Clerk