

# FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ORDINANCE

## TOWN OF CHESTERVILLE ENACTED AUGUST 30, 2018

### 1. **Authority and Purpose:**

This Ordinance is intended to provide Chesterville residents unimpeded access to local food and to reduce governmental regulation of local foods to the extent permitted by home rule authority under 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001. The Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second, and pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 281 et seq.

### 2. **Definitions:**

As used in the Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the meanings stated below:

A. **Direct Producer-to-Consumer Transaction:** A face-to-face transaction involving food or food products at the site of production of those or food products.

B. **Food or Food Products:** Any food or food product intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, milk or milk products, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products, seafood or seafood products, cider or juice, acidified foods or canned fruits or vegetables.

C. **State food Law:** Any provision of Title 7 or Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes, or rules adopted under Title 7 or Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes, that regulates direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

### 3. **Exemption from Licensure and Inspection:**

Producers and processors of local food intended for direct producer-to-consumer transactions in the Town of Chesterville shall be exempt from state licensure and inspection under state food laws. In accordance with Section 284 of the Maine Sovereignty Act, the State of Maine shall not enforce state food laws with respect to direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

### 4. **Exemption for Meat and Poultry Inspections:**

In accordance with Section 285 of the Maine Sovereignty Act, the exemption provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance does not apply to any meat or poultry product inspection and licensing requirements that are specified under applicable federal acts.

### 5. **Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption at Town Meeting.