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**Resident’s Guide to Determining Property Maintenance
Ordinance Compliance**

Well maintained homes and properties are essential components of a healthy community. Maintaining your property helps in preserving our housing stock, maintaining property values, and ensuring our properties are healthy and safe benefits the entire community, not just individual property owners and tenants.

Every year, the Skowhegan Code Enforcement Office receives dozens of calls from residents with property maintenance concerns. In response to these concerns the Code Enforcement Office has prepared a checklist as a guide to the basic standards to comply with Town ordinances about the exterior of structures and property maintenance.

This checklist is provided as a guideline for residents to use in evaluating their property. This document is intended to assist you with commonly found maintenance issues. Should you require assistance or have a question pertaining to a condition not addressed within, please contact the Code Enforcement Office.

Grounds & Property Maintenance

YES

NO

Free from accumulation of...

- Household trash or refuse
- Junk, discarded plumbing
- Heating supplies,
- Old scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper/cardboard trash, rubber, waste
- All scrap iron, steel, other scrap or nonferrous
- Material, debris, scrap lumber and building materials
- Inoperable machinery or parts thereof

- Glass
- Used furniture and other household items
- Unused and inoperable appliances

YES

NO

Any places where...

- Less than three (3) or more old, discarded, worn out, junked , unserviceable vehicles, except in an approved licensed junkyard or auto repair business.

Materials intended for private use...

- Of the property owner stored on the property and screened from public view and not in violation with State Law. (Private use does not include items for resale)

Business Closure...

- Owner of said business or activity, or property owner, if different from business owner, removed from public view all signs identifying the business or activity that has vacated the premises. (Within 30 days of closure)

Exterior of Structures

YES

NO

- All fences and barriers kept in good condition/repair.
- All exterior walls, roofs, chimneys, smokestacks, stairs, decks, porches and balconies are structurally sound and maintained in good condition/repair.
- All projections from structures, such as awnings, signs, fire escapes, and ductwork are properly anchored and maintained in good condition/repair.
- All handrails and guards are firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and maintained in good condition/repair.

- All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware are maintained in good condition/repair.
- All exterior wall and roof surfaces of all structures used for human occupancy are protected so as to prevent wind, rain and snow penetration.
- Basement foundations are enclosed so as to prevent entry of vermin.

YES

NO

- All structures are kept free from insect and rodent infestation.

If you answered YES to all of these items on the checklist, congratulations! You should be proud of your properties appearance and you are doing your part in maintaining the high standards that the Town of Skowhegan residents enjoy!