PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES SITING ORDINANCE

1. Title and Purpose

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Town of Montville Personal Wireless Service Facilities Siting Ordinance,” hereinafter referred to as “this Ordinance.”

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish predictable and balanced regulations for the siting of personal wireless service facilities within the Town of Montville. The requirements of the Ordinance are intended to provide for the appropriate siting of personal wireless service facilities while also minimizing adverse impact on the town's aesthetic resources, avoiding potential damage to adjacent properties, and maximizing the use of approved or preexisting sites within the coverage area to reduce the number of personal wireless service facilities needed to serve the community. The Ordinance thus seeks to accommodate the communication needs of residents and businesses, while protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

2. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Home Rule provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001, et.seq.

3. Conflict with Other Ordinances

Whenever a provision of this Ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with any other Town of Montville ordinance or standard, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

4. Severability

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. Effective Date

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption by voters at a Town Meeting scheduled for this purpose.

6. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms referenced below have the following meaning:

a. “Antenna” means the surface from which electromagnetic frequency signals are sent or received by a personal wireless service facility.

b. “Camouflaged” personal wireless service facilities are disguised, hidden, part of an existing or proposed structure or placed within an existing or proposed structure.