

VOLUNTARY ROAD TOLL ORDINANCE

1. PURPOSE:

The Calais City Council finds that a need for regulation of voluntary Road tolls conducted by charitable and non-profit organizations exists for the following reasons:

The conduct of such road tolls of a voluntary nature were previously regulated by Maine State Law which has been discontinued, leaving it up to the municipalities to regulate this activity;

For reasons of safety to persons conducting the toll;

Safety of other traffic using the public streets and minimizing interference with other traffic using the same streets;

There is also a need to restrict this activity to ten days per year because of the flow of both business and vacation traffic through the City.

2. ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:

Permission to conduct Voluntary Road Tolls with the City shall be granted only to {A} organizations based within the City of Calais which are exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue code and which carry on programs benefiting residents of Calais. {B} to organizations associated with City Departments for extension of their work or {C} to organizations connected to the Schools for the support of academic and athletic programs. Preference may be granted to those groups who have historically been granted permission in the past.

3. PERMIT REQUIREMENT

No Voluntary Road Tolls should be conducted within the City unless the eligible sponsoring organization shall apply for and receive a permit under this ordinance from the City Council of the City of Calais who shall provide the Chief of Police a copy thereof.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISION AND AUTHORITY

The Police Chief and members of the Police Department shall have full responsibility to supervise the operation of legally permitted road tolls and to prohibit un-permitted road tolls activities.

5. CONDUCT OF ROAD TOLLS

Those conducted by organizations involving minors must ensure that adequate adult supervision must be present at all times.

Persons conducting road tolls shall not signal drivers to stop or otherwise interfere with their travel. They may approach cars only when they have stopped voluntarily to make a donation. Cars not wishing to stop will be allowed to pass without interference.

6. HALTING A ROAD TOLL

The Calais Chief or an officer instructed by him may halt any further road toll activities if the organization conducting it does not follow the rules in its conduct after a cautionary warning.

7. SIGNAGE

Any organization conducting a voluntary road toll shall place proper signage and road cones indicating the location by folding signs with the full name of the organization and words "*Voluntary Road Toll*" in large capital letters at least 5 inches in height, one sign to be set near the traveled portion of the highway between 50 and one hundred feet in each direction from the point where the road toll is conducted. Care should be taken not to block through traffic and drivers of stopped vehicles shall be guided in pulling out into the travel lane after stopping. Persons standing in road will wear safety vests provided by Police Department.

8. PERMITS

Applications for permits shall be submitted on or before the first meeting of January of each year on such form as may be designated by the City Clerk

Each organization shall be granted no more than one permit per year, for no more than two consecutive days. Each permit shall name the contact person for the organization conducting the road toll. All other questions on the application shall be answered fully to permit a decision to be made that the organization is eligible under the terms of this ordinance otherwise it may be refused until so completed. The designated contact person shall have the permit in his or her possession. The permit shall designate the location where the road toll may be conducted and it shall be adhered to strictly.

The Calais Police Chief shall observe the operation of permitted road tolls and shall make reports and suggestions concerning the need for changes or additions to the ordinance for Council consideration.

9. LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Road Tolls will be limited to the hour between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- A. South Street (Wal-Mart)
- B. North Street (The First)
- C. Main Street (Hardwickes)
- D. Main Street (Library)

No more than five days shall be allowed at any one location. The City Council shall determine how dates and locations shall be allocated among permittees in its sole discretion. The City Manager may select alternate locations for such permits, so long as construction activity continues.

10. TRANSITION

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days from its adoption. For the year 2002 only, applications shall be filed no later than March 1 for that year.

