



Town of Phillips Recall of Town Elected Officials Not Covered by Maine State Law

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a procedure for the recall of elected officials, including school board members, in the Town of Phillips, Maine, who are not otherwise governed by recall provisions in Maine state law. This ordinance aims to ensure accountability and responsiveness to the community.

Section 2: Grounds for Recall

An elected official may be recalled for any of the following reasons:

1. Misconduct in office.
2. Incompetence.
3. Neglect of duties.
4. Violation of the oath of office.
5. Any other reason deemed sufficient by the voters.

Section 3: Petition for Recall

1. A recall petition must be initiated by a registered voter of the Town of Phillips.
2. The petition must state the grounds for recall and be signed by at least 10% of the number of voters who participated in the most recent municipal election.
3. The petition must be submitted to the Town Clerk for verification of signatures.

Section 4: Verification of Petition

1. The Town Clerk shall verify the signatures on the petition within 10 business days of receipt.
2. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the Town Clerk shall certify the petition and notify the Select Board.

Section 5: Recall Election

1. Upon certification of a sufficient petition, the Select Board shall schedule a recall election to be held within 60 days.
2. The recall election shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures for municipal elections.
3. The ballot shall contain the question: "Shall [Name of Elected Official] be recalled from the office of [Position]?" with options for "Yes" or "No."

Section 6: Results of Recall Election

1. If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of recall, the elected official shall be removed from office immediately.
2. If the recall is successful, the Select Board shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next regular election, unless otherwise specified by law.

Section 7: Limitations

1. No recall petition shall be filed against an elected official within the first 90 days of their term.
2. An elected official who has been subjected to a recall election and not recalled shall not be subject to another recall petition for the same grounds within one year.

Section 8: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such provision shall be severable, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 9: Effective Date

The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date of adoption by the voters.

Approved at the June 21, 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Validation:

Eugene R. Caton

Select Board Chair, signature

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Janet White

Select Board Vice Chair, signature

Janet White

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Kenneth B. Brier

Select Board Member, signature

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Select Board Member, signature

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Town Clerk Attestation:

Betty Jean Bangs
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Date: July 1, 2025