

**Town of China
Quorum Requirement Ordinance**

SECTION 1.0: INTRODUCTION

1.1 AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001 and per Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Maine (Municipal Home Rule).

1.2 PURPOSE

To promote participation in local government and to insure that decisions are made by a reasonable percentage of registered voters in the Town of China and thus accurately reflect the will of the townspeople.

1.3 REPEAL

To the extent this ordinance is inconsistent with any other Town ordinances, resolves, codes or local rules or regulations, the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

1.4 AMENDMENTS

This ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of the legislative body of the Town in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 2.0: OPENING THE OPEN TOWN MEETING AND QUORUM REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL TOWN MEETINGS BUSINESS

2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENT

At the start of each Open Town meeting, after the election of a moderator in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §2524(2), and before additional official business is conducted, the moderator must establish that a quorum of registered voters is present. No fewer than one hundred registered voters present and issued voting cards will constitute a quorum.

2.2 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Except to adjourn or continue the Open Town Meeting to a different time and/or date for lack of a quorum, no business may be conducted until a quorum has been established. After each adjournment for lack of a quorum determination, whether to a different date or to a different time, the moderator must establish that a quorum of registered voters is present. If a quorum has not been established, no official business other than adjournment may be conducted. (This is to be differentiated from an adjournment or recess for lunch for example, at which time the reconvening of the meeting will not need an establishment of a quorum.)

SECTION 3.0: VOTING

3.1 MAJORITY

Once a meeting has been duly opened, and it has been established that a quorum of voters is present, any action requiring a vote shall be decided by a majority of those present and casting votes.

Previously Amended March 5, 1990, June 10, 2008, November 3, 2015, and November 8, 2022