

We are in the process of putting the ordinances of the Town of Washington on-line. The Town ordinances were codified in 2008. This set of ordinances exists only in the form of two printed copies. In order to make the ordinances more useful to Town officials and to the general public, we are placing them on the Town website as searchable text pdf (Portable Document Format) files. To do this we first scanned the ordinances into image pdf files and then processed each file with an OCR (Optical Character Recognition) program – OmniPage17 by Nuance Communications, Inc. The software developers claim a 99+ per cent accuracy, and from what we have seen so far we would agree with that. When the codified set is completed, we will add in the ordinances passed since the codification was done and any resolutions of the town board.

If you notice any obvious (or suspected) spots where the process has misread a character or the font has inexplicably changed size or format, please email us at gov54246@hotmail.com. Also, if you have any suggestions to make this easier to use or other features you would like to see, please let us know.