



Town of Bristol

Beach Ordinance

Current Revision: December 21, 2023

Previous Revisions: November 4, 2021, June 15, 2023

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TOWN OF BRISTOL
Effective as of January 1, 2024 ("Effective Date")

Adopted:

This current revision of the Beach Ordinance was adopted by vote of the Town of Bristol Select Board on December 21, 2023.

Section 1. Regulated Areas:

- All property at Avery Crouse Beach owned by the Town of Bristol.
- All property at Cummings Beach owned by the Town of Bristol.

Section 2. Authority:

Pursuant to RSA 41:11-a and RSA 35-B, the Select Board is hereby empowered to enact such rules and regulations as it deems necessary from time to time to affect the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Parking:

Parking for the Bristol Town Beaches shall be permitted for the vehicles of Town residents and/or taxpayers in areas designated for such parking, or as otherwise directed by the Select Board. Only vehicles displaying a current Parking Permit shall be allowed to park at the Town Beaches. Parking spaces are for beach patrons only.

Section 4. Permits:

Parking permits are subject to the following:

Annual Beach Permits

Annual Beach Permits may only be sold to residents and taxpayers of the Town of Bristol and Town of Bristol Employees. Annual Beach Permits may be issued at the Town Office by the Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office or designee. There are four (4) types of Beach Parking Permits that may be issued to residents or taxpayers:

1. Standard Parking Permits - No more than two (2) Standard Parking Permits may be issued annually per household. A valid vehicle registration must be provided by the resident or taxpayer as proof of residency / ownership and the Standard Parking Permit fee is \$10.00 per permit.
2. Standard Parking Permit Combo – The Parking Permit Combo requires the purchase of one (1) Standard Parking Permit at \$10.00 and then allows for a Transferrable Permit at

Section 4. Permits continued:

\$25.00. Transferable Parking Permits will list all vehicles covered by the Parking Permit and will be allowed to transfer to any vehicle approved on the list. However, only one (1) vehicle at a time will be allowed to use the Transferrable Parking Permit to park at the Beach. The permits are issued annually, limited to a household, and must provide valid vehicle registrations as proof of residency / ownership within the household.

3. Trust Transferrable Parking Permit - Trust Transferrable Parking Permit may be sold to taxpayers annually owning Trusts, so all Trustees of the property have access to beach parking. These permits may only be issued by the Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office. Valid Trust paperwork, Trustee names and license plates, of all Trustees must be provided at the time of purchase. This Transferrable Permit will list all vehicles covered by the Parking Permit and will be allowed to transfer to any vehicle approved on the list. The permits are limited to two (2) per Trust and the Permit fee is \$100.00. Only two (2) vehicles at a time will be allowed to use the Transferrable Parking Permits to park at the Beach.
4. Guest Parking Permits - Guest and family members may obtain Guest Parking Permits for the length of time they are staying with the property owner. Guest Parking Permits may only be issued by the Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office. The property owner must verify the guest's length of stay by submitting a verification form which may be obtained from the Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office. The Guest Parking Permit fee is \$50.00 per week.

All Standard Annual Permits shall be affixed to the lower right side of the passenger side front windshield of the vehicle. All Transferrable Parking Permits, Trust Transferrable Parking Permits and Guest Parking Permits shall be placed on the passenger side dash of the vehicle when parked at the Beach.

Parking Permits shall be only valid for the vehicle for which they are issued.

Section 5. Beach Rules:

- Parking by permit, for beach patrons only, in designated spaces only, from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Beach open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. No parking from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- No parking of trailers of any kind, including but not limited to utility trailers, boat trailers, travel trailers.
- No lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk.
- No furniture or other personal property left overnight on beach or left unattended.

Section 5. Beach Rules continued

- All types of motorized, self-propelled, or inflatable boats, paddle boards, and kayaks are restricted from the swim line area, including the beach and shorefront, but are allowed to use the designated non-motorized access lanes ONLY. (This does not restrict soft, inflatable toys.)
- No fishing within the swim line.
- No moving or altering of the swim line.
- No washing or bathing with soap.
- No pets of any kind on the beach property. Service dogs must be leashed and controlled. No feeding ducks or other wildlife.
- No fires or cooking including any type of grill.
- No alcoholic beverages, liquor, or drugs.
- No nudity at any age.
- No littering: all rubbish to be removed from the beach.
- No vehicle or OHRV of any type allowed on beaches (see RSA 215-A: VII).
- No smoking or use of any tobacco products including anything that simulates smoking (See Section 6 below).

Section 6. No Smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products:

The use of all tobacco products and anything that simulates smoking is prohibited on any portion of Town property, which includes the beach area, the parking area, and the lawn area. Signs shall be installed and maintained to inform the public of the tobacco prohibition. In addition to the penalties listed in Section 8, persons under the age of 21 years old shall be subject to the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 126-K.

Section 7. Enforcement:

The Beach Attendants, Town Administrator and Select Board are hereby authorized to enforce the Beach rules. The Police Department and its designees are hereby authorized to provide written notice of violation(s) and schedule of penalties.

Section 8. Schedule of Penalties:

Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than eighty dollars (\$80.00). Each day shall constitute a separate offense and any subsequent violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than a hundred and sixty dollars (\$160.00). Violators may also be removed from the beach area and may forfeit eligibility for future Parking Permits.

Section 8. Schedule of Penalties continued:

Furniture or other personal property that is left overnight or unattended on Town Beaches will be removed from the Beach at the discretion of the Beach Attendant. Owners may claim such property from the Bristol Police Department. The Town is not responsible for any personal property left unattended or left overnight at Town Beaches.

All violations will be assessed an additional \$35.00 fee after ten (10) working days if payment is not made. Failure to pay may result in additional charges over and above the late payment fees.


Vehicles violating the parking rules listed in Section 5 may be ordered towed by the Bristol Police Department at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.

Section 9. Saving Clause:


This ordinance supersedes any and all preceding ordinances pertaining to the Bristol Town Beaches.

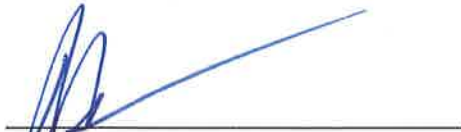
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