



Town of Bristol Beach Ordinance

**Current Revision: April 1, 2021
Previous Revision February 2, 2020**

Beach Ordinance
TOWN OF BRISTOL
Effective as of April 1, 20201 ("Effective Date")

Adopted:

This current revision of the Beach Ordinance was adopted by vote of the Town of Bristol Select Board on April 1, 2021. This current revision was adopted by vote of the Bristol Select Board on January 7, 2021. This ordinance amends and replaces all prior existing version of the Beach Ordinance.

1. Regulated Areas:

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

2. Authority:

The Board of Selectmen is hereby empowered to enact such rules and regulations as it deems necessary from time to time to effect the provisions of this ordinance.

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 Board of Selectmen. Only vehicles displaying a Parking Permit shall be allowed to park at the Town Beaches. Parking spaces are for beach patrons only.

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 Clerk's Office or by the Beach Attendant. A valid vehicle registration must be provided by the resident or taxpayer as proof of residency / ownership. The Parking Permit fee is \$5.00 for 2020 and will be \$10.00 for 2021.
- Guest Beach Permits
Guest and family members may obtain Guest Permits for the length of time they are staying with the property owner. Guest Permits may only be issued by the Town Clerk's Office. The property owner must verify the guest's length of stay by submitting a verification form which may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. The Parking Permit fee is \$50.00 per week.

- Day Passes

Day Passes may be sold to non-residents, as long as, there are sufficient parking spaces available. This will be determined by the Beach Attendant. Day Passes may only be issued at the beach by the Beach Attendant. The Parking Permit fee is \$20.00 each visit.

All Annual Permits shall be affixed to the lower right side of the passenger side front windshield of the vehicle. Guest Permits and Day Passes 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, and only while such vehicle is owned by a resident or taxpayer of the Town of Bristol. Only one permit will be issued per vehicle. Permits are not transferable.

Parking spaces are for beach patrons only.

5. Beach Rules:

- Parking by permit, for beach patrons only, in designated spaces only, from June 15 to Labor Day Weekend.
- Beach open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. No parking 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- No parking of trailers of any kind, including 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.
- No boats of any kind are allowed within the swim line, on the beach or secured to any object on the shore behind the swim line. However, non-motorized access lanes have been designated at both Town Beaches. (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.
- 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 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).

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 18 years old shall be subject to the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 12-K.

7. Enforcement:

The Beach Attendants and any elected / appointed Town Official 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.

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.

Furniture or other personal property that is left overnight or unattended on Town Beaches will be removed from the Beach. Owners may claim such property at the Bristol Police Department.

Furniture or other personal property left unattended for more than 3 hours consecutively will be removed to a centralized location. Owners may claim such property, during the same day, from the Beach Attendant. If furniture or other personal property is not claimed and left overnight, then it will be removed from the Beach. Owners may then claim such property from the Bristol Police Department.

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.


9. Saving Clause:

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

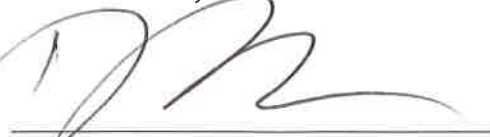
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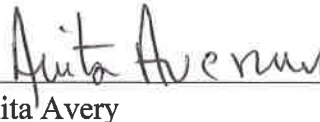
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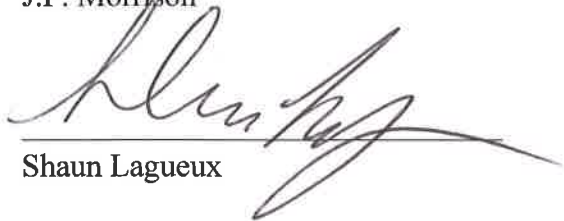
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