

**TOWN OF BRISTOL BEACH ORDINANCE**  
**Adopted: 7-24-08 Amended 6-23-10**

**An Ordinance Relative to the Use of Town Beaches**

**Section 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.

**Section 2**

**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 Selectmen. Only vehicles displaying a Town Beach Parking Permit shall be allowed to park at the town beaches.

**Section 3**

**Permits:**

A parking permit will be issued to all persons who request such permit as follows:

- **Annual Beach Permits**
  - Annual Beach Permits may only be sold to residents and tax payers of the Town of Bristol and Town of Bristol Employees. Annual Beach Permits may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office or from the Beach Attendant. A valid vehicle registration must be provided by the resident or tax payer as proof of residency/ownership.
- **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 be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office only. The property owner must verify the Guests length of stay by submitting a verification form which may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.
- **Day Passes**
  - Day Passes to the Beach may be sold to non-residents as long as there are sufficient parking spaces available, which will be determined by the Beach Attendant. Day Passes may be obtained at the beach only from the Beach Attendant.

All Parking Permits shall be \$5.00.

All Annual Permits shall be affixed to the lower right side of the passenger side front windshield of the vehicle, for each vehicle desired to be parked at a town beach. Guest Permits and Day Passes shall be placed on the dash of the vehicle when parked at the Beach.

Town beach parking permits shall be valid for only 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.

#### **Section 4** **Beach Rules**

- Parking by permit only, effective June 1 to Labor Day.
- Town beaches open at 7:00 am and close at 11:00 pm.
- No lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk.
- No washing or bathing with soap.
- No dogs or other pets of any kind on the beach, effective May 1 to Columbus Day.
- No feeding ducks or other wildlife.
- No fires or cooking.
- No furniture or other personal property overnight on beach.
- No alcoholic beverages, liquor or drugs.
- No nudity at any age.
- No littering; all rubbish to be removed from beach.
- No boats of any kind, including rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, paddleboats, sailboards, rafts, or other devices designed for locomotion or support within the swim line, on the beach, or secured to any object on shore behind the swim line. (This does not restrict soft, inflatable toys.)
- No parking from 11 pm until 7 am.
- No vehicle or OHRV of any type allowed on beaches (see RSA 215-A:VII).
- Parking in designated spaces only.
- No smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products (See Section 5 below)

#### **Section 5** **No smoking**

The use of tobacco products is prohibited on town beaches. Signs shall be installed and maintained to inform the public of tobacco prohibition. Signs alerting all park patrons that “No Smoking or Use of Other Tobacco Products” shall be placed prominently at every entrance to all town beach areas. In addition to the penalties listed in Section 7, persons under the age of 18 years old shall be subject to the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 126-K.

#### **Section 6**

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.

#### **Section 7**

Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. Violators may also be removed from the beach area.

**Section 8**

The Bristol Police Department will be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance.

**SAVING CLAUSE**

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

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