

Parking Permit Program



Town of York, Maine

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ENACTMENT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Certified by the Town Clerk: Mary Anne Gemenuski on 1/29/16
(signature) (date)

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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Permit Parking Program Ordinance is to regulate parking in specified zones in York for resident permit parking from May 15th to October 15th, to promote public safety and the social and aesthetic well-being of the residents and taxpayers of the Town of York, as well as to assist in pedestrian public safety.

2. Definitions

- A. Parking Permit: Parking stickers, herein called “permits”, issued for parking on public streets in designated zones.
- B. Permit Parking Zone: A zone designated for permit parking.
- C. Motor Vehicle: For the purposes of this ordinance, motor vehicles shall mean passenger vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, and pick-up truck-vehicles only. All other vehicles are excluded.
- D. Resident: One who lives in York with the intent to stay, either a property owner or renter. If licensed to drive has made application for a Maine driver's license; if registered to vote, registered in York; if owns vehicle, registered in York.
- E. Non-Resident Property Owner: One who owns property in York, legally resides elsewhere, and registers vehicle elsewhere.

3. Permit Parking Zone

The Board of Selectmen shall consider the following criteria for consideration in determining areas as permit parking zones:

- A. The need and desire of the residents for permit parking and their willingness to bear the administrative costs.
- B. Proximity of the area to “parking attractions”, including beaches, centers of employment, retail shops, restaurants, and tourist attractions.
- C. Proximity to transit services.

- D. Availability of convenient off-street parking.
- E. Volume of pedestrian traffic and the associated impact.
- F. Use of curb space and parking spaces by residents, non-resident property owners and tourists.
- G. Traffic considerations and safety problems caused by vehicles “cruising” for parking spaces.

4. Issuance / Costs

- A. A permit may be issued to a resident or property owner for use in designated resident permit parking zones, upon application and payment of the required fee of \$40.00 per calendar year. Senior Citizens, 65 years and over, may purchase permits for \$20.00 each.

If a vehicle is registered in the name of a trust and the applicant is 65 years of age or older, and a trustee or beneficiary of the trust, the senior rate will apply.

If a vehicle is registered in the name of a business, the standard required calendar year fee shall apply.

- B. The Parking Permit shall be in effect beginning May 15th through October 15th each year.
- C. A person is eligible for a Parking Permit upon demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Town Clerk:
 - 1. That he/she is a year-round resident or a non-resident property owner of the Town of York.
 - 2. That he/she is a beneficiary or a trustee for property located in York assessed to a trust.
- D. Residency/Property Ownership

Residency/Property Ownership is demonstrated by the resident’s vehicle registration designating a Town of York address; or presentation of a property tax bill showing property ownership in the same name as the vehicle registration.

- 1. Year-round Residents:
 - Vehicle must be registered in York under his/her personal name or lease/trust/company name. Applicant must provide proof of sole use of

company vehicle and or provide the trust documents and or lease agreement tying the year-round resident to the company/trust/lease.

2. Non-Resident Property Owners:

Vehicle must be registered under his/her personal name or lease/trust/company name. Applicant must provide proof of sole use of company vehicle and or provide the trust documents and or lease agreement tying the resident to the company/trust/lease.

E. Application contents:

1. Name of registrant of motor vehicle, which must include the year-round residents name or the non-resident property owner's name.
2. Residential property address in York.
3. Year, make, model, color, plate and state of issue of resident's vehicle.

5. Attaching Permits

Permits shall be permanently affixed to the vehicle's front windshield on the passenger side lower corner, clearly visible through the windshield.

6. Authorized Parking Zones

A. Permits may be issued for parking in the designated areas as defined by this ordinance. A motor vehicle bearing a valid parking permit shall be exempt from meter and timed parking regulations when parked in the following designated zones.

1. **LONG BEACH AVENUE**
Permit Parking on Long Beach Ave. from Libby's Campground, York Street to Nubble Road in metered spaces.
2. **HARBOR BEACH ROAD**
Permit Parking only, including those spaces designated for disability.
3. **YORK BEACH BALL FIELD**
Permit Parking in designated zone, except Sunday mornings until noon.
4. **RIVER ROAD**
Permit Parking only (from the intersection of River Road and Shore Road, 700 feet in a westerly direction, southerly side).

5. **SHORE ROAD**
Permit Parking only (Beginning at CMP Pole #212 extending to CMP Pole #210, westerly side).

6. **US ROUTE 103/WIGGLEY BRIDGE/STEEDMAN WOODS**
Permit Parking in the five designated parking spaces at the Route 103 Parking Lot.

7. Unauthorized Parking Zones

- A. Permits are not valid in Ellis Park/Short Sands parking lot.

- B. Permits are not valid on Railroad Avenue, Ocean Avenue, and Beach Street.

- C. Permits are not valid on Harris Island Road.

8. Authority and Restrictions

- A. The Board of Selectmen, by order, may authorize the resident parking permit application to specifically designate parking zones, with regulations as to the number of permits to be issued, the manner of issuance, the temporary or permanent nature of the program and such other considerations not in conflict with this order.

- B. No spaces are guaranteed. Spaces are available on a first-come first-served basis.

- C. A Resident Parking Permit shall not authorize the holder thereof to stand or park a motor vehicle in any zone other than specifically designated resident parking zones, nor exempt the operator from the mandates and/or requirements of any traffic rule, regulation or state law.

- D. No permits shall be issued for any vehicle, which has one or more notices of violation of any parking regulations of the Town of York.

- E. No person shall furnish false information to the Town in connection with obtaining of any permits authorized there under. Any permit issued upon false information or attached to a different vehicle shall be null and void.

- F. No person shall transfer any permit and any permit attempted to be transferred shall be null and void and subject to confiscation by the York Police Department. Upon the disposal of a vehicle already permitted, a resident may apply for a new permit for the new vehicle for a fee of \$10.00. Residents must surrender the old permit.

- G. Whoever violates any provision of this order shall be subject (the owner and/or operator) to a notice of violation issue by a York Police Officer.

Any owner and/or operator who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$50.00 for each offense. The sum of \$50.00 is due, if paid within 10 days of the time when such parking ticket was attached to the vehicle. The sum of \$100.00 is due, if paid more than 10 days after the time when such parking ticket was attached to the vehicle, but before a court summons is issued.

Any person who fails to pay a parking ticket within 30 days of the violation will be subject to separate penalty of FAILURE TO PAY PARKING TICKET offense and may be used as grounds for your driver's license to be suspended in the State of Maine. The fine attached to this violation is dependent on the total amount owed for unpaid parking tickets and associated late fees.

H. Waiver/Payment of Fines

Any person charged with a violation of this section, shall be allowed to waive such violation and tender to the Town of York the fine amount if paid within 20 days of issuance of the summons. If the waiver fine is paid, no appearance before a District Court Judge or other judicial officer shall be required. If the offender pays the waiver fine, the matter will be closed in the York Police Records system and listed as a subsequent offense for future violations.

If the offender chooses not to pay the waiver fine, he/she shall appear in court on the specified date to answer for the ordinance violation. If the offender is found to have committed the offense in court, fines, applicable court fees, attorney's fees, and prosecution costs may apply.

- I. Resident/Property owners with frontage on Route 1A (Long Beach Avenue, York Street) from 754 York Street to Nubble Road are not eligible for a parking permit for Zone 1. Said property owners are eligible for parking permits for Zones 2 - 6. The Town Clerk may grant an exception if the property owner meets all the following three conditions: 1) the property owner owns a single family home in which he resides nine months or more annually; 2) the home has no more than one parking space, and; 3) the resident/property owner can provide written verification from his/her physician that he has a medical condition which requires him to park in close proximity to his home.

J. Parking Permits for Disabled Individuals

1. Property owners as defined in section 4.D, who can demonstrate that they have a disability that prevents them from driving may obtain a parking permit that can be used on a family members' or caregiver's car. Written verification from his/her physician is required.

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