

6.7 RULES GOVERNING THE PURCHASE OF DUXBURY BEACH PERMITS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Beach Access is a privilege, not a right. The Town must balance the demands of beach access with environmental sensitivities. Therefore, from recent experience and with the right weather conditions, access to the beach may be delayed. The Duxbury Harbormaster reserves all statutory rights and administrative authority to control and manage beach access. Beach permit holders and parties transported in their vehicles are required to abide by the Beach Rules and Regulations.

- A. Beach permits may be purchased either: (1) through the mail-in program; or (2) at the Duxbury Town Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.
- B. The automobile registration number that is put on the permit must match the license plate on the vehicle. Place permit as prescribed on instruction sheet only.
- C. If you should sell or replace your automobile, remember to remove the permit and return it for a replacement permit, even if the permit tears or it is mutilated during removal. The permit must be returned in order to receive a replacement permit. There are no refunds. If a sticker is not returned, full price shall be paid for the replacement.
- D. Stickers are the property of the Town of Duxbury. Sticker(s) are non-transferable and non-refundable.

II. DUXBURY RESIDENTS

It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove Duxbury residency. If it is found that a permit was obtained under false pretenses, the permit shall be confiscated without refunding the fee, and the matter will be turned over to the Police Department for prosecution.

- A. There are **three** types of resident permits:

- 1. **Resident Beach Lot Permit** for vehicles in the paved parking lot at the East end of the bridge (April 1 through March 31).
 - a. Year Round Resident: \$60; \$40 with mail-in discount
 - b. Non-discounted vacation transient rental (dated): \$60
 - c. Senior Citizen: \$15

2. Resident Over-sand Permit for four-wheel drive vehicles in the paved parking lot, over-sand areas, and roadside parking areas (April 1 through March 31)

- a. Year Round Resident: \$140; \$120 with mail-in discount
- b. Senior Citizen: \$70

3. Resident Off-Season Over-sand Permit for four-wheel drive vehicles in over-sand areas & roadside parking areas (October 1 through March 31)

- a. Year Round Resident: \$70
- b. Senior Citizen: \$35

- B.** There will be a maximum limit of (3) Beach Stickers issued on an annual basis per habitable dwelling, no more than two of which will be resident over-sand or seasonal over-sand permits. Habitable dwelling shall be defined as a dwelling unit noted in the Board of Assessors records and in compliance with the Department of Inspectional Services Building Codes.
- C.** You must present a valid automobile registration and driver's license showing you are a legal resident of Duxbury; owning land alone does not entitle one to a permit. Owners of a "summer residence" may obtain a resident permit by presenting their real estate tax bill.

Homeowners who rent their home may, at their option, reallocate any of their three (3) previously un-issued resident sticker allotment to the category of vacation transient rental. The vacation transient tenant will be eligible for a non-discounted parking lot resident sticker by presenting at the Duxbury Town Hall a written lease agreement, which states the rental lease term. The vacation transient tenant will be issued a designated sticker stating the expiration date. This sticker need not be surrendered to the Town at the termination of the rental period.

- D.** Senior citizen discounts apply to residents of Duxbury who are 62 years of age or older. The vehicle must be registered in the senior's name - no company cars.
- E.** Residency Verification for All Residents
 - 1. Vehicle registration and driver's license with the same name as the applicant and a Duxbury address. New residents must provide a change of address print-out sheet from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.
 - 2. Vehicle lease with the name of the applicant and/or a letter of assignment on the company stationary.

- F.** Residents with a leased car must show the lease agreement annually; residents with a company car must present a letter of assignment on company stationary annually; otherwise, the permit will be denied.
- G.** No temporary checks, debit or credit cards will be accepted.
- H.** No stickers will be issued to farm vehicles, rental vehicles, or dealer vehicles.
- I.** When Parking lot is full or the over-sand area is at capacity, residents may park at Duxbury Beach Park at no charge.
- J.** Residents who mail-in their Beach Sticker applications, postmarked between January 1st and March 1st, will receive a \$20 discount each from the regular price.

III. NON-RESIDENTS

- A.** There are two types of non-resident permits:
 - 1. **Non-resident Over-sand Permit** for four-wheel drive vehicles in over-sand areas and roadside parking areas (April 1st through March 31st): \$260, \$240 with mail-in discount.
 - 2. **Non-resident Off-Season Over-sand Permit** for four-wheel drive vehicles in over-sand areas and roadside parking areas (valid October 1st – March 31st): \$120 at half of the discounted seasonal rate.
 - a. Non-resident Beach Stickers may be purchased, commencing January 1st, either (1) through the mail-in program, (2) at the Duxbury Town Hall, or (3) on-line at www.town.duxbury.ma.us.
 - b. There will be a limit of one beach sticker per habitable dwelling.
- B.** You must present a valid automobile registration and driver's license.
- C.** No temporary checks, debit or credit cards will be accepted.

- D.** Non-residents with a leased car must show the lease agreement annually; non-residents with a company car must present a letter of assignment on company stationary annually; otherwise, the permit will be denied.

IV. MAIL-IN PROGRAM

For customer convenience, the Town offers a mail-in program to Residents and Non-Residents. Submit a properly prepared application form with a timely postmark, a check payable to the Town of Duxbury and a self-addressed stamped envelope with the other appropriate documentation (as previously described for each type of purchase). Applications are available at the Town Hall, on-line at www.town.duxbury.ma.us or at the Duxbury Free Library. Residents and Non-Residents using the mail in program will receive a \$20 discount for each Beach Sticker purchased, not to include Senior stickers already discounted.

The mail-in program starts annually in late January.

Allow for three-week processing, if properly documented. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Disputes regarding beach access or obtaining a beach sticker must first be presented to the Town Treasurer. Further appeals must be submitted to the Town Manager in writing, stating facts and rationale for the dispute. The decision of the Town Manager shall be final.

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