

GENERAL BY LAWS

**Chapter 30**

BEACHES & PARKS  
Amended May 20, 2006 ATM

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth 4-16-1974 by Art. 58 as Art. 8 of the 1974 Bylaws. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic beverages -- See Ch. 18.  
Animals -- See Ch. 23.

Disorderly conduct -- See Ch. 51.  
Harbor -- See Ch. 81.  
Noise -- See Ch. 120.  
Ponds -- See Ch. 134.  
Solid waste -- See Ch. 157.  
Vehicles and traffic -- See Ch. 185.

§ 30-1. Beach stickers required.

Only taxpayers and residents of Plymouth and their guests with proper beach stickers shall be allowed with vehicles on Plymouth Beach north of Manter's Point. All vehicles entering public parks shall have proper stickers or pay the daily entry fee set by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 30-2. Motorcycles, minibikes and all-terrain vehicles prohibited; horses restricted.

No motorcycles, minibikes, minicars or all-terrain vehicles shall be allowed on any public beach or in any park at any time except on designated travelways set by the Park Department. No horses shall be allowed on any public beach or in any public park picnic area between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

§ 30-3. Domestic Animals [Amended 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

All domestic animals on public beaches or parks shall be under control at all times. Dogs are to be leashed and their waste removed and disposed of in accordance with Chapter 23, Dog Control § 23-4 and § 23-14

§ 30-4. Sand Dunes and Grassy Areas [Amended 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

Walking or driving is restricted to designated trails and or roads only. No person shall walk, drive any vehicle or ride a horse on the sand dunes or grassy areas or over any other type of vegetation on all public beaches.

Penalty            \$100 each offense

§ 30-5. Dumping and Littering

Dumping (the deposit or leaving of household or commercial trash) is prohibited. Littering (the leaving of all other trash except in designated Town receptacles) is also prohibited.

Penalty	
Littering	\$50
Dumping	
First Offense	\$100
Subsequent Offence's	\$500

§ 30-6. Restricted Areas [Amended 4-7-1984 ATM by Art. 29]

No vehicle shall be allowed to pass on the east side of Plymouth Beach south of the crossover between Memorial Day and Labor Day, except in the case of an emergency or the established

rights of Plymouth fishermen. No vehicles are allowed to drive along White Horse Beach except in the case of an emergency or the established rights of Plymouth fishermen or at designated boat launch areas.

§ 30-7. Parking on private property

No vehicles, other than those owned by the property owner, shall be parked on private property on any Plymouth Beach or parked without the written consent of that property owner.

§ 30-8. Speed Limit [Amended 4-7-1986 ATM by Art. 22]

No vehicle shall exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour while driving on any portion of any public beach or park.

Penalty            \$100 each offense

§ 30-9. Type of allowed vehicles. [Amended 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

All vehicles driven on Plymouth Beach north of Manter's Point shall be four-wheel-drive vehicles.

§ 30-10. Overnight Camping [Amended 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

Overnight camping within any Town beach or park is prohibited without a permit issued by the Parks Division, based on policies approved by the Board of Selectmen. Overnight camping on Plymouth Long Beach shall be restricted to Plymouth residents and Plymouth taxpayers and their guests, but only by a permit issued by the Parks Division based on policies approved by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 30-11. Glass Containers

Glass containers of any kind are prohibited from all public beaches and parks.

§ 30-12. Use of Grills and Hibachis

Cooking fires contained in grills, hibachis and similar devices is permitted, but only in designated park and beach areas, based on policies approved by Board of Selectmen. All coals must be properly extinguished and may not be left on any public beach or park.

§ 30-13. Open fires.

No open fires (fires not contained in grills, hibachis or similar devices) will be allowed on any public beach or park without permits from both the Park Division and Plymouth Fire Department.

§ 30-14. Liability    All persons using the public beaches and parks do so at their own risk.

§ 30-15. Stuck Vehicles [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

The operator of a stuck vehicle is responsible for filling in ruts and holes caused by said vehicle and for removing all related debris from any beach or park.

§ 30-16. Riding on outside of vehicle [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

Riding on the fenders, tailgate, roof or any other unenclosed exterior portion of any vehicle is prohibited.

§ 30-17. Limitation on number and parking of vehicles [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9; amended 4-8-1992 ATM by Art. 28]

Limitations may be placed by the Director of Public Works, the Police Chief or the Environmental Technician and their designees on the number of vehicles allowed on any beach or park at any one time or on the location of allowed parking.

§ 30-18. Right-of-way to be open [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

Parked vehicles shall keep the pedestrian and vehicular rights-of-way open at all times

§ 30-19. Hunting and Firearms [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9]

No hunting or firearms are allowed within any park or beach except for properly licensed hunters on Town beaches during the migratory waterfowl open hunting season.

§ 30-20. Closing Hours [Added 1-9-1978 STM by Art. 9; amended 4-8-1992 ATM by Art. 28]

Town beaches and parks are open from dawn to dusk. Exceptions may be made by policies approved by the Board of Selectmen. Except for private property owners on Plymouth Beach their guests, or fishermen who are residents or taxpayers of Plymouth or overnight campers with the required permit, Plymouth Beach and its parking lot shall be closed to all vehicles between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

§ 30-21. Blocking traffic [Added 4-7-1986 ATM by Art. 23]

No person shall block any road or any pedestrian or vehicular trail by means of sporting equipment / games, four-wheel-drive vehicles, campers or other vehicles, or tents which would impede the normal flow of beach or park traffic.

§ 30-22. Violations and Penalties [Added 4-7-1986 ATM by Art. 24]

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the following penalties:

First offense	\$25.00
Second offense	\$50.00
Third and subsequent	\$100.00

- A. Any person who violates § 30-4 or 30-8 of this chapter shall, for the first violation thereof, be fined \$100. Any person who violates § 30-4 or 30-8 of this chapter shall, for the second and all subsequent violations thereof within a twelve-month period, be fined \$100 for each violation and shall have his or her privilege of operating a motor vehicle in beach's and parks suspended for one year.
- B. In addition to the forgoing
  - 1. The owner of any vehicle operated in violation of either § 30-4 or 30-8, whether said vehicle was operated at the time of said violation by the owner thereof or by another person acting under the authority of or with the consent of the owner thereof, shall be given written notice of every violation of § 30-4 or 30-8 involving said owner's vehicle. The privilege of said owner to have any vehicle of his or hers operated on beach's and in park's shall be suspended, canceled, revoked or declared forfeited for one year whenever said vehicle shall have been operated in violation of either § 30-4 or 30-8 for a second time within a period of 12 consecutive months.
  - 2. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on beach's or in park's without a current effective permit for said vehicle or after his or her personal privilege to operate a vehicle on Plymouth Beach has been suspended, canceled, revoked or forfeited, without renewal thereof, shall be subject to arrest for trespass pursuant to MGL c. 266, § 120, as amended.

§ 30-23. Parallel Parking In Certain Areas [Added 4-5-1989 ATM by Art. 27]

All vehicles adjacent to the snow fence, vegetated areas or dune areas must parallel park no less than 15 feet from the frontal dune, unless the area is otherwise designated.

§ 30-24. Swimming and bathing. [Added 4-22-1991 ATM by Art. 24]

- A. No person shall bathe or swim in the waters of Plymouth Beach, White Horse Beach or any coastal waters adjacent thereto or any ponds which are under the jurisdiction of the Town of Plymouth during such time as the lifeguard on duty at said beach determines conditions to be hazardous to the health, safety and welfare of swimmers and bathers. Upon posting of warning signs by the lifeguard on duty or oral notice from the lifeguard that conditions are deemed hazardous, all persons shall exit the water until it is determined that the hazardous condition has abated.

- B. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 for each offense.
- C. This section may be enforced by means of a complaint or noncriminal disposition under MGL c. 40, § 21D by any police officer of the town.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1-4

191-15 [Added 4-6- 1996 STM by Art. 11]	Water supply emergency	
	First offense	No fine
	Second offense	\$50
	Succeeding offense	\$100

196-11D [Added 4-3- 1993 ATM by Art. 30]	Wetlands protection, each offense, daily	\$50
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Section	Subject	Fine
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Regulations

Rules and regulations for conservation properties pursuant to MGL c. 40, § 8C  
[Added 4-3-1993 ATM by Art. 31]

Section	Subject	Fine
2A(1)	Enforcement	
	Unless otherwise stated, each violation/offense	\$50
2B(2)	Discharge of rubbish, garbage, etc.	
	Littering, each offense	\$50
	Dumping household trash, each Offense	\$100
	Dumping refuse, each offense	\$500
2C(3)	Vehicle usage	
	Unauthorized motorized vehicles, each offense	\$100
2D(3)	Vegetation and soil alterations	
	Unauthorized alterations,	\$100