

1st reading

ORDINANCE No. 2023-20

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 19
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 19 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 19 - HAWKERS, PEDDLERS, ITINERANT VENDORS AND MOBILE FOOD

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ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL

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Sec. 19-2. - Prohibited areas and rules governing peddlers, ~~and~~ hawkers, itinerant vendors, and mobile food establishments.

In addition to the general ordinances and laws, all peddlers, ~~and~~ hawkers, itinerant vendors, and mobile food establishments must not vend on school property or within school zones as established by the school department; must not vend on all town recreational areas, the town common and all town parks; must not vend in the downtown area, which encompasses the area surrounded by Church Street, Franklin Street, Thames Street and Hope Street; must not impede the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the town council may by special exception, upon issuance of the license or subsequent request to the town council, permit vending in certain areas of the town including public areas for specific occasions.

The chief of police shall, from time to time, submit to the council additional streets and public ways throughout the town which, in his opinion, because of excess traffic and congestion, are unsafe for the public welfare and safety for the selling or offering for sale of merchandise by peddlers, ~~or~~ hawkers, itinerant vendors, or mobile food establishments.

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This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

