

2nd Reading

TOWN OF BRISTOL PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 8 AND 16 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE

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CHAPTER 8 – BOATS, DOCKS AND WATERWAYS

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ARTICLE II. – HARBOR REGULATIONS

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Sec. 8-72. Parking Permits for Dock Holders.

One parking permit shall be issued for each slip holder. One additional parking permit shall be issued to a commercial fishing slip holder upon providing proof to the Harbormaster that the Harbormaster deems sufficient to establish employment of one or more deck hand(s). No overnight parking, defined as between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., shall be permitted in the Marina (whether for Prudence Ferry, Church, State Street dock, or Thames Street) unless it is pursuant to a specially issued parking permit, as designated as determined by the Harbormaster, issued for a boat equipped with sleeping accommodations, and in any case not between November ~~15~~ 16 and April ~~15~~ 14. Off-season overnight parking at the Marina Ferry Dock Parking Lot shall be permitted pursuant to Sec. ~~8-76~~ 16-382. Any misuse of the parking provided by permit issued hereunder shall result in forfeiture of the dock slip.

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~~Sec. 8-76. Off-Season Parking at Marina Ferry Dock.~~

~~Parking shall be permitted at the Marina Ferry Dock during the off season, defined as December 1 to March 31. Vehicle owners shall provide proof of Prudence Island residency to the Harbormaster and must receive a permit from the Harbormaster. The rate shall be set at \$150 per month per parking space. Only one vehicle shall be allowed to register for a single parking spot. Vehicles must park exclusively in their assigned spots. A lease agreement must be signed by the registrant and approved by the Harbormaster, including payment, before a parking permit will be issued. During periods where parking at the Marina is banned due to snow, permit holders may be relocated to the public parking lot at Church St and Thames St. This Section shall expire on June 30, 2027 unless otherwise extended or repealed by the Town Council.~~

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CHAPTER 16 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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ARTICLE XII – PRUDENCE FERRY PARKING

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Sec. 16-382. - Prudence Ferry parking; off-season parking.

(a) Fees for parking at the ferry dock, and other town-designated Prudence Ferry parking areas, shall be established by the town council from time to time for both a daily rate and an annual rate, as well as a monthly rate for off-season parking permits. The town council shall also establish fines for nonpayment of parking fees.

(b) Parking shall be permitted at the Marina Ferry Dock during the off-season, defined as November 16 to April 14. Fees for off-season parking permits shall be established by the Town Council by resolution. Payments shall be made by credit/debit card, personal check, bank check, or money order, and cash payments shall not be permitted. Vehicle owners shall pay in full for the requested duration of off-season parking and month-to-month payments shall not be permitted. A lease agreement must be signed by the registrant and approved by the Harbormaster, including payment, before a parking permit will be issued. Vehicle owners shall provide proof of Prudence Island residency to the Harbormaster. Only one vehicle shall be allowed to register for a single parking spot. Vehicles must park exclusively in their assigned spots and the permit shall be displayed on the vehicle's rearview mirror. During periods where parking at the Marina is banned due to snow, permit holders may be relocated to the public parking lot at Church St and Thames St. This Section shall expire on June 30, 2027, unless otherwise extended or repealed by the Town Council.

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This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on January 7, 2026. If remonstrance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance.

By Order of the Town Council

Melissa Cordeiro

COUNCIL CLERK

December 18, 2025