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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Bristol Town Council

From: Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

Re: Request to Amend Parking Ordinance Language

Date: November 4, 2025

I am requesting that the current ordinance wording for under section 16-145 (9) "parking with left wheels to roadside" be amended to read "parking on wrong side of roadway."

The existing description is often unclear to the public and can cause confusion when parking citations are issued. Changing the wording to "parking on wrong side of roadway" will make the violation easier to understand for motorists and more consistent with common enforcement language.

This change is intended as a clarification only and does not alter the substance of the ordinance or how it is enforced.

Respectfully,

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
No. 2025--XX**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

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CHAPTER 16 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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ARTICLE V. - STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 16 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

Sec. 16-45. Informal procedure for payment of parking fines.

Parking Violations Schedule

	Violation	Fine
(9)	Parking with left wheels to roadside wrong side of roadway	\$30.00