WESTPORT BEACH PASS REGULATIONS

1. In order to qualify for a Westport Town Beach pass you MUST have a residence in Westport year round and claim your residency here or you MUST be a property owner listed on the current real estate tax bill or spouse thereof.

2. If you are a recent property owner who has not yet received your first real estate tax bill, you MUST provide the following as proof of ownership of the property: a copy of the property deed that has been recorded at the New Bedford Registry of Deeds.

3. Persons renting commercial property in Westport **do not** qualify for a Town beach pass.

4. It is the responsibility of landlords/property owners to inform their tenants of the residency and census requirements to obtain a Town Beach pass (see #10 below).

5. Town beach passes allow parking at the town beaches (Cherry & Webb /Children's Beach, East Beach, & Knubble Beach) ONLY. Horseneck Beach is NOT a Town Beach; passes for Horseneck Beach are issued by the State at the Horseneck Beach parking lot on Route 88.

6. The fee for a Westport Town Beach pass $30.00, Senior Rate (Age 65+) $15.00 Payments must be check or money order.

7. Town Beach passes will be obtained through an application process. Applications can be downloaded online at http://www.beachcommittee.westport-ma.com/ or picked up at Town Hall, the Westport Library, or the Council on Aging. Completed applications must be mailed to the Town of Westport, ATTN: Beach Committee, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790. Applications will be reviewed and approved or denied within 10 days of receipt of completed application. Mail in applications MUST include all required documentation as well as a self-addressed, stamped return envelope and a check or money order payable to "Town of Westport" with total payment for all requested beach passes. **Incomplete applications will result in denial of beach pass.**

8. Beach passes are vehicle specific, non transferable, & non refundable.

9. The burden of proof of eligibility is the responsibility of the applicant.

10. The following documentation will be required to prove eligibility for a Town beach pass:
    a) Year-round residents: Copy of each car registration AND driver's license in same name showing current Westport address as **printed by RMV- (no hand written/sticker changes will be accepted); AND**

    b) Year-round residents: You must be listed as a current year-round resident on the Town of Westport Street Census.

    c) Non-resident property owners must provide a copy of the **current** real estate tax bill and copy of vehicle registration and driver's license in same name. New property owners please see Item #2 above. A minimum property valuation of $3,000.00 per year is required in order to qualify for a Town Beach Pass

    d) Any children of non-resident property owners who are age 18 or older are **not** eligible for a

Town beach pass for their own vehicle unless they are also listed on the real estate tax bill as a property owner.

e) In addition to above: leased car – copy of lease, company car- letter signed by authorized company representative allowing personal use by the resident or property tax payer only.

f) Delinquent taxes must be paid in full before pass(es) are issued.

11. No Dealer Plates are allowed.

12. For residential properties in a trust where the applicant's license address does NOT match the Westport real estate tax bill address, you MUST include an original letter, signed & dated in the current year from TRUSTOR, GRANTOR, or SETTLOR identifying a maximum of three (3) trustees eligible to purchase only a total of three (3) passes per Trust Property address.

13. Town Beaches open ½ hour before sunrise and close ½ hour after sunset. Cherry & Webb River Side opens at 6:00 a.m. & closes at 9:00 p.m.

14. No Dogs or Horses Allowed from April 16th to September 15th. Owners are legally liable for their animal's actions. During the period of permitted use dogs must be restrained according to leash laws, horses must be under complete control. Dog & horse waste must be removed, not thrown in ocean or dunes, or buried. Owners may lose beach pass & beach privileges for any violation.

15. Lifeguards only at Cherry & Webb Beach 9 am – 5 pm during summer season. Lifeguards have control & enforcement of all activity on the beach.

16. All beach activities are at your own risk.

17. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

18. Glass bottles, alcohol, fires, grills, motorized vehicles, loud music, rough play & behavior deemed disruptive by the lifeguards are all prohibited.

19. No walking on, in or through the dunes except on the established path to protect fragile dune grass and to help prevent lyme disease (through contact with ticks), poison ivy, & vectors. Stay out of marked bird nesting areas.

20. Town Beach Passes are required **year round at all Town Beaches** and must be hung from rear view mirror with registration info visible through front windshield. Vehicles without required beach pass visible will be subject to $50 fine and towing at owner's expense.

21. On ocean side of East Beach, cars must be parked facing the water. No parallel parking.

22. Town Beach passes will be issued for passenger vehicles only – automobiles, pick up trucks or motorcycles. Recreational vehicles and trailers are excluded.

23. Vehicles parked illegally or remaining after closing hours without a fishing permit are subject to $50 fine and being towed at owner's expense.

24. All complaints, comments, or issues shall be heard by the Beach Committee at a regularly

scheduled hearing. The Town Clerk reserves the right to refuse any or all applications from persons who are abusive, rude, or combative.

Adopted by the Beach Committee 10/15/2015