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The Town of Wells operates a beach program, which is funded by parking lot fees. The program provides for the paving/maintenance of the parking lots, beach cleaning, beach waste removal, restroom cleaning and maintenance/upgrades, community service officers and lifeguard staffing.

This policy has been established to ensure continued fairness and control with beach parking lot passes.

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

Multi-Use Sticker – A town issued sticker which is available for purchase by residents or real estate taxpayers that pay taxes to the Town of Wells. This sticker entitles the sticker holder to park in an available spot in the Pay and Display parking lots at the beach and use the Wells Transfer Station.

Resident -- A resident of the Town of Wells might not be a real estate property owner but lives in Wells. They must show proof of vehicle registration where excise tax is paid to the Town of Wells to be eligible for a taxpayer beach pass.

Non-resident -- A non-resident is any person who is neither a property taxpayer nor a resident but who is a visitor or guest in the Town of Wells. A non-resident is not eligible for a taxpayer seasonal beach sticker but may obtain entry to the parking lots by purchasing a ticket via the Pay and Display meters located at each of the municipal beach parking lots.

Real Estate Taxpayer -- Owns real estate in the Town of Wells as listed on the Assessor's April 1st assessment tax records.

Proof of Ownership- Proof of ownership includes but is not limited to:

- For Residential Properties - a vehicle registration document with the home address on the registration which matches the mailing address for the Wells tax bill.

- For Company Owned Vehicles -
 - If in the Company name, a business card with the Company's name and the taxpayer's name on it is required
 - Or a letter from the Company that includes the taxpayer's name and indicating that this vehicle has been provided to the taxpayer by the Company.

- For Properties held in Trust, LLCs, or Corporations –
 - Proof of ownership in the trust, LLC, or corporation

Condominium Ownership -- An owner of a condominium in Wells is considered a real estate property owner and is entitled to a taxpayer beach sticker as described above.

Multiple Ownership of Real Estate Property -- The owner(s) of multiple real estate properties (condominiums, houses or vacant land) jointly or individually as listed in the town Tax Assessor's records.

Time Share Ownership -- Each owner of a week or multiple weeks of time share property shall be entitled to purchase a week's pass for beach parking for the flat fee of \$50.00 per vehicle for each week that they are occupying the time share unit.

Odd/Even Year Time Share Ownership -- Each owner of a week or multiple weeks of time share property shall be entitled to purchase a week's pass for beach parking for the flat fee of \$50.00 per vehicle for each week that they are occupying the time share unit.

SECTION 2 - OPERATIONAL HOURS

Operation hours for collection of parking fees are 8:00am to 6:00pm from the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend to the Monday of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

THERE IS NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED IN ANY PUBLIC PARKING LOT

SECTION 3 – RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER MULTI-USE STICKERS

1. Resident Multi-Use Sticker:

- This sticker allows access to all Town of Wells Pay and Display parking lots and the Town of Wells Transfer Station.
- Fee: \$50.00
- Property taxes must be current.
- Real estate tax bill must be in resident's name.
- Year-round renters who are not property owners that claim Wells, Maine as their legal residence must have a vehicle registration showing excise tax has been paid to the Town of Wells.

2. Taxpayer Multi-Use Sticker:

- This sticker allows access to all Town of Wells Pay and Display parking lots and the Town of Wells Transfer Station.
- Fee: \$50.00
- Property taxes must be current.
- Real estate tax bill must be in property owner's name.

3. Sticker Limits:

- A Resident or a taxpayer may purchase up to two (2) stickers per a tax parcel.

4. Purchasing of Multi-Use Sticker:

- Resident and Taxpayer Multi-Use Stickers will be available online, by mail or in person before the start of the season in which the sticker is needed.

5. Veteran Parking Spots:

- Two (2) Parking Spots will be designated in each lot for vehicles displaying Veteran issued plates (i.e. Veteran, Disabled Veteran, Purple Heart, etc.), or town issued placard and a valid Multi-Use Sticker.

SECTION 4 - MOORING HOLDERS

Mooring Holders whose boats are located on the docks on the eastern side of the harbor who wish to park without using the lot meters will be required to purchase a Mooring Holder Sticker. With their Mooring Holder Agreement, they will be allowed to purchase one sticker at \$50.00. This sticker will allow them to park in the Eastern Shore Lot within any available parking space.

There will be ten (10) designated spaces for Mooring Holders Stickers
Mooring Holder Stickers will be available for purchase in person or by mail starting the third Monday in April.

SECTION 5 - PASS ISSUANCE, TRANSFERABILITY AND REPLACEMENT

Multi-Use Stickers and Mooring Holder Stickers are issued with the vehicle registration printed on them.

Transfer of a sticker is **prohibited** and usage of stickers is limited to the vehicle designated by the plate number on them or as listed in the Town of Wells parking database. Per Wells Town Ordinance 212-14 a parking ticket shall be issued by the Wells Police Department for this vehicle and the sticker will be confiscated if it is found on a vehicle other than the vehicle listed on the sticker.

Motorcycles and scooters without windshields need to affix the sticker on the left side so it is visible to the Community Service Officer when entering the parking lot.

The Town will replace a sticker for \$5.00 ONLY if the following occur:

- Vehicle with original sticker was sold or, if leased, the lease ends prior to the season ending – MUST provide evidence of sale and or lease turn-in.
- Vehicle with original sticker had windshield replaced – MUST provide evidence of replacement.
- Vehicle owner that paid for an original sticker receives new plates for the vehicle that was originally permitted.
 - If a Sticker is lost or damaged a new sticker may be purchased for the same amount as the original purchase. The town is NOT responsible for any lost or damaged stickers.

NO REFUND FOR STICKERS WILL BE GRANTED.

SECTION 6 - PAY TO PARK SYSTEM AND FEES

Rates: ALL Parking Lots: \$5.00 an hour, 8AM to 6PM

Fees for parking at the beach lots, will be collected at the lots using the Pay and Display Meter System.

Fees are for the following vehicles: All registered motor vehicles including motorcycles, scooters, and RVs (in designated RV spots only).

The meters will accept credit cards, debit cards, tokens, and coins. Debit cards will be processed as a credit card. The meters will accept US and Canadian coins.

Tokens: \$5.00 each token, 1 Token = 1 Hour Paid

For US paper currency transactions please see lot attendant to purchase Town of Wells Tokens. Lot Attendants will have a limited number of tokens available per day. Tokens then need to be entered into the meter for a pay and display document. No paper currency will be accepted in a meter due to ocean/salt air conditions.

When a payment is made using the meter, a document will print out that **MUST** be placed on the vehicle dash, face up, so a Community Service Officer can verify that the vehicle owner has paid for parking. If the document is not seen or readable by the Community Service Officer, as per Wells Town Ordinance 212-14, a parking ticket will be issued by the Town of Wells Police Department.

NO REFUND ON METER PURCHASES WILL BE GRANTED.

SECTION 7 - LOCATION OF BEACH PARKING LOTS

Metered Parking Lots:

- Eastern Shore Lot – located at the end of Atlantic Avenue- 3 Meters
- Mile Road Lot – located with the playground (no RV's or Campers) – 2 Meters
- Drakes Island Gross Lot – at the eastern end of Drake's Island (no RV's or Campers) – 2 Meters
- Drakes Island Jetty Lot – located at the end of Island Beach Rd on Drake's Island (no RV's or Campers) - 3 meters
- Gold Ribbon Lot – located on Webhannet Drive (no RV's or campers) - 1 Meter

Free Parking Lots:

- Casino Square Parking Lot – at the end of Mile Road (near Forbes Restaurant)
- Harbor Park Parking Lot – surrounding the gazebo and playground
- Harbor Parking Lot – at the end of Harbor Road, with two-hour limit

SECTION 8 - TERMS OF STICKERS

All purchases of Resident or Taxpayer Multi-Use Stickers described in Section 3 are for the calendar year in which they were purchased. A new Pass is to be placed on the designated vehicle every calendar year.

All purchases of Mooring Pass Holder Stickers described in Section 4 are for the calendar year in which they were purchased. A new Pass is to be placed on the designated vehicle every calendar year.

As per Wells Town Ordinance 212-14, a parking ticket may be issued to this vehicle if the pass is expired.

SECTION 9 - DESIGNATED DISABILITY PARKING SPACES

Designated disability spaces are governed by the appropriate Maine State Statutes; fees for parking are waived when the proper plates and/or placard are displayed for the Plate and/or Placard holder in any parking spot.

- The following are the number of designated disability parking spaces in the metered lots:
- 3 Spots at Casino Square
- 7 Spots at Eastern Shore Lot
- 2 Spots at Gold Ribbon Parking Lot
- 3 Spots at Mile Road Lot
- 6 Spots at Drakes Island Jetty Lot
- 5 Spots at Drakes Island Gross Lot
- 5 Spots at the intersection of Drake's Island Rd and Island Beach Rd

SECTION 10 - FINES

A Parking Ticket, per Wells Town Ordinance 212-14, will be issued for the following offenses:

- Receipt Not Showing
- Beach Sticker with Different Registration #
- Expired Beach Sticker
- Failure to Pay to Park
- Overtime Parking
- Any other parking violation stated on parking ticket

Parking in a physical disability restricted space:

- A Parking Ticket will be issued based on the current Maine State Statute.

Failure to pay a fine within 30 days will result in the fine doubling per Wells Town Ordinance 212.14

SECTION 11 – APPEALS

If you feel you have received a parking ticket in error or have some reason why you believe the ticket should be voided, complete our Parking Violation Appeal Form which can be found on the Town of Wells website: www.wellstown.org or in person at the Wells Police Department – 1563 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090.

Please note that the reasons listed below are not acceptable grounds for approving an appeal:

- Just there a short time
- Parked in the same area and did not receive a ticket before
- Time constraints (Only a minute)
- Did not intend to do it
- Someone else was using my vehicle
- Did not see the sign
- Did not know about the Wells, ME Beach parking regulations
- Vehicle was attended, not parked
- No one else received a ticket
- Lack of valid parking space
- Lack of a convenient parking space
- Lack of funds or credit card
- The fine amount is too high

Your appeal will be reviewed, and you will be notified, by mail, of the outcome of your appeal. The decision letter will be mailed to you at the address provided on the Appeal Form.

SECTION 12 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY

The Town Manager or his designee shall administer and enforce this Policy.


REVISED AND READOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 2025



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