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2023 WEEKAPAUG BEACH REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT The 2023 Weekapaug Beach Regulations are presented herewith for your information and action. Please read these regulations carefully and provide all relevant information to tenants where applicable. Owners and tenants will be held responsible for strict compliance. Your prompt ordering of beach buttons and parking stickers will be greatly appreciated. Best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer at the Weekapaug Beaches.

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Beach Commissioner

**How and When
to order
BUTTONS
and
PARKING
STICKERS**

1. Please read the regulations carefully (on back) and **then complete and return the enclosed order form** with a check in the proper amount payable to the Weekapaug Fire District.
2. Pick up is at the Library of the Weekapaug Fire District Office from 10AM until noon on the dates shown below.
3. **All buttons and stickers must be picked up by the owner or tenant. Identification may be required.**

<i>JUNE</i>	<i>JULY</i>	<i>AUGUST</i>
10 (Saturday) 17 (Saturday) 24 (Saturday)	1 (Saturday)	1 (Tuesday)

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"The Fenway Beach and East Beach (Inn Beach) are owned by the Fire District and are for the benefit and use of the Fire District property owners, their guests and their lessees. These regulations are intended to enable the community to enjoy the beaches to the maximum and in a safe manner."

EXCERPTS FROM  
REGULATIONS  
ADOPTED BY  
THE TAXPAYERS  
OF THE  
DISTRICT AT  
THE 1968  
ANNUAL  
MEETING:

1. Identification by badges and stickers are required of persons authorized to use the beaches or Fire District parking lots, according to rules established from time to time by the Fire District Executive Committee. All such badges and stickers must be shown on request to any Fire District security personnel, employee or officer.
  2. All activities in the water are governed by applicable laws of the State of Rhode Island and regulations issued by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. A state qualified lifeguard will be at each beach during reasonable hours during the summer season. He/She has the authority to close a beach to swimmers if swimming conditions are dangerous, and such other authority vested in the lifeguards by law.
  3. The Executive Committee is authorized to make such further rules and regulations not inconsistent with any of the ordinances of said Fire District or said Town of Westerly, for the use of Fire District property.
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*As approved by the Executive Committee May 27, 2023*

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| <p><b>USE OF THE BEACHES</b></p>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use of the beaches shall be only by display of Fire District Buttons except for children 12 and under.</li><li>2. Up to six (6) buttons per property owner in the District shall be available. Two more may be purchased for \$150 each.</li><li>3. Lost buttons will cost \$100 for the first button lost and \$150 for every additional lost button. Lost button numbers will be invalidated.</li><li>4. Guest names must be registered at the WFD Office by noon the day before needed on a weekday and by Friday noon if needed for the weekend to get guests' names on security roster.</li><li>5. The annual fee for access to and use of Fire District facilities and amenities, including, but not limited to Buttons, is \$550. Any property owner who pays annual Fire District taxes in excess of \$550 shall have the fee waived. Those property owners who pay less than \$550 in Fire District taxes, shall pay the difference between their tax payment and \$550 (e.g. tax payment = \$25; Facility Access, Use and Amenities Fee = \$550; \$550 - \$25 = \$525 payment due Fire District for access to and use of Fire District facilities and amenities including Buttons).</li></ol>                                                                  |
| <p><b>USE OF PARKING AREAS</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use of the parking areas shall be granted by display of Fire District Parking Stickers <b>permanently attached</b> to the right front side window or the right side of the automobile windshield.</li><li>2. The self-adhering <b>Stickers must be attached directly to the glass by means of the self-adhering surface.</b></li><li>3. No substitute, such as affixing the Stickers to glass or plastic and then taping to window, will be permitted.</li><li>4. Two (2) Stickers per house shall be available at \$10 <b>per</b> Sticker. Any property owner seeking more than two Stickers shall apply to the Beach Commissioner in writing stating his/her reasons. If approved, additional Stickers will cost \$75 each.</li><li>5. One color of stickers will be issued for first half occupancy and another color for the season and second half.</li><li>6. The state in which a car is registered will be entered on the record. Please indicate this information on your application and have it available when picking up Parking Stickers.</li><li>7. Handicapped parking spaces will be provided in each beach parking lot.</li><li>8. Residents and guests are required to "carry-out" all items they "carry-in" to the beaches including trash.</li></ol> |

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| <p><b>DEFINITION of a CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the purpose of the above regulation, a "property owner" shall be listed on the Fire District Tax List as of May 31, 2023 and be current on tax payments, fees and any other monies owed to the Fire District. One or more groups sharing ownership of a given property on such list will have only <u>ONE</u> right to buttons and stickers.</li> <li>2. If, according to the town tax records, more than one house is located on a property, buttons and stickers will be issued for each house in accordance with the above regulations.</li> <li>3. <u>Owners of land only</u> in the Fire District will be entitled to not more than six (6) buttons and two (2) stickers. A property owner shall not be entitled to buttons and stickers for an undersized lot (i.e. a lot which does not meet the zoning district standard established by the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Westerly – currently MDR-30 requiring a lot size of 30,000 square feet and 120 feet of frontage on a platted road). This exclusion shall not prevent property owners (and future owners of a 1998 undersized lot) who had received buttons and stickers in 1998 from continuing to receive buttons or stickers in subsequent years, subject to the same conditions as in effect for 1998. The exception for property owners who had received buttons and stickers in 1998, shall not apply to undersized lots that become undersized as a result of change in dimension (through subdivision or other action) after 1998.</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>BEACH BOXES</b></p>                            | <p>Beach boxes must be limited to one per household and no larger than <b>5’L X 3’W X 42”H</b>. ANY box larger than 5’L X 3’W X 42”H will not be allowed. The Fire District encourages sharing of beach boxes. Beach boxes must have a Weekapaug street address printed on top (two if a box is shared). We recommend wooden beach boxes or equivalent for strength and durability, as plastic purchased boxes are more susceptible to break-in and damage. <b>A WFD Registration and \$200 fee for single family boxes or \$100 for shared boxes is required.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>LIFEGUARDS</b></p>                             | <p>Lifeguards will be on duty every day at Fenway Beach from 10 AM to 6 PM and the Inn Beach from 10 AM to 5:30 PM.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>FENWAY PARKING</b></p>                         | <p>Cars at the Fenway Beach parking area must be removed before 6 PM every day. The gate will be locked at 6PM.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>DOGS/KITES/BOOGIE BOARDS/ ETC.</b></p>         | <p>By WFD and QBCC Regulations, <b>NO DOGS</b> are allowed on the beaches <b>at any time</b>. Smoking and vaping are prohibited on Fire District property including the beaches. Kites, drones and other flying objects are not to be flown over the bathing areas. Breakable containers and <b>alcoholic beverages</b> are not allowed on the beaches. Boogie and beater boards with fins must be equipped with the soft rubber fin material.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>FIRES AND FIREWORKS</b></p>                    | <p>Fires are not permitted on Inn Beach at any time. Bonfires are permitted on Fenway Beach when security is on duty and if approved by the Weekapaug Fire District and Misquamicut Fire Department.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>VIOLATION OF BEACH REGULATIONS</b></p>         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Stickers and buttons are for the use of owners, tenants and houseguests only. In the case where a home is rented, beach buttons and beach parking stickers stay with the house and are not divided between the homeowner and the renter. If used in violation of the Beach Regulations, they will be voided.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Owners, tenants and houseguests found to be in violation of the Beach Regulations will be asked to leave the beach. Those who refuse to leave and those who are found to be further or repeatedly in violation of the Beach Regulations will have their stickers and buttons voided.</b></li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |