BEACH & STAGE FORT PARK REGULATIONS
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I. Schedule of Operations:

A. Good Harbor & Wingaersheek Beaches

1. Access to Parking Lots:
   a. Seasonal: Gates opened April 1 to October 31 annually
      Gates closed November 1 to March 31 annually
   b. Daily in Season: Gates opened at 8:00am and locked at 9:00pm
   c. Vehicles in beach parking lots shall be placed only within areas designated by the Director of Public Works or his agents.
   d. Vehicles (except City vehicles engaged in beach maintenance) including off-road vehicles, motorbikes, mopeds, motorcycles, trucks, dune buggies, and snowmobiles are prohibited on beaches or dunes at Good Harbor and Wingaersheek beaches without authorization.

2. User Fees:
   Parking fees may be collected from May 1 to September 30 annually and shall be collected daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, in accordance with the schedule of fees established in Appendix A.

3. Certified Lifeguards:
   Lifeguards with Red Cross and/or YMCA certifications shall be on duty daily, weather permitting, from 9:00am to5:00pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Weather permitting, lifeguards may also be on duty weekdays and weekends during May and September.

4. Snack Bars:
   Snack bars may be open weekends during May and September and shall be open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, weather permitting. Hours of operation shall be from 9:00am to 6:00pm daily.

5. Rest Rooms:
   Rest rooms may be open weekends during May and September and shall be open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hours of operation will be from 8:00am to 8:00pm daily. The restrooms may be closed early during periods of inclement weather when parking lot operations are also closed.

6. Bike Racks:
   At Good Harbor Beach, bicycles are allowed only at the concession, and at the bike rack on Nautilus Road and not on the footbridge.

B. Stage Fort Park

1. Access to Parking Lots:
   a. Seasonal: Gates opened April 1 to October 31 annually
      Gates closed November 1 to March 31 annually.
   b. Daily in Season: Gates opened at 8:00am and locked at 9:00pm.
   c. Vehicles in parking lots shall be placed only within areas designated by the Director of Public Works or his agents.
   d. Vehicles (except City vehicles engaged in beach maintenance) including off-road vehicles, motorbikes, trucks, dune buggies, and snowmobiles are prohibited on beaches and within the enclosed areas of Stage Fort Park without authorization.

2. User Fees:
   Parking fees may be collected from May 1 to September 30 annually, and shall be collected daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, in accordance with the schedule of fees established in Appendix A.

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3. Certified Lifeguards:

   Lifeguards with Red Cross and/or YMCA certifications shall be on duty daily, weather permitting, from 9:00am to5:00pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

4. ~~Snack Bars:~~

   ~~Not applicable~~

4. Rest Rooms:

   Rest rooms may be open weekends during May and shall be open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 8:00am to 6:00pm; and during special events as required. The restrooms may be open during the months of September and October from 9:00am to 6:00pm daily or to coincide with the hours of operation of the Visitor Center.

5. Permits – Group Functions and Picnic Areas:

   a. Groups of 25 persons or more shall be required to obtain a group permit for the general use of park facilities and the dedicated use of a group picnic area.
   b. Individuals shall be required to obtain a permit for the dedicated use of the Bandstand (Gazebo), Rose Garden, beach areas and group picnic areas.
   c. Designated group picnic areas may be reserved in conjunction with the issuance of a group permit. Group picnic areas are designated as: Area A – the hollow area to the rear (east) of the rest facility building, Area B – the area to the south of Tablet Rock, Area C – the upland area to the far west of the volleyball court.
   d. Catered events may be conducted in the designated picnic areas in conjunction with a group permit.
   e. User fees: see Appendix A.

C. Niles, Pavilion, and Plum Cove Beaches:

1. Parking Restrictions:

   There shall be resident sticker parking only in designated areas at Niles and Plum Cove beaches (Ord. – 22-270.1).

2. Open Parking:

   Pavilion beach

3. Certified Lifeguards:

   Lifeguards with Red Cross and/or YMCA certifications shall be on duty daily, weather permitting, starting Father's Day weekend through Labor Day 9:00am to5:00pm, Pavilion beach excepted.

D. Closing of Beaches & Parks:

The Director of Public Works, as well as legally-authorized public health or other law enforcement officials, shall have discretion to close city beaches and parks to the public should questions of public health or safety arise. Parking fees will not be refunded. Signs shall be posted during times when beaches are open but there are no lifeguards on duty.

E. Beach and Park Rental:

1. Beaches, parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreational facilities may be rented out in whole or in part for commercial use and social activities when such use does not conflict with permitted use.
2. User fees: see Appendix A

II. Beach Parking:

A. Sticker Eligibility:

1. RESIDENT STICKER criteria:
   a. Domiciled Residents of Gloucester verified with vehicle registration showing Gloucester address. Include copy of lease agreement if car is leased.
   b. Non-domiciled Residents who own residential property in Gloucester, including Senior Citizen property owners, (2 stickers per owner per season), verified with vehicle registration and a copy of one of the following: Real Estate Tax Bill, Deed, Schedule of Beneficiaries or Trust Documents. Include copy of lease agreement if the vehicle is leased.

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c. Domiciled Resident's Minor Child (under 21) living at college, verified by vehicle registration, a valid college identification card, and documentation showing proof of linkage to Gloucester residency.

d. Servicemen and women stationed in Gloucester, verified with vehicle registration and an official letter from their Commanding Officer confirming permanent stationing. Include copy of lease agreement if car is leased.

e. User fees: see Appendix A.

2. NON-RESIDENT STICKER criteria:

a. Non-Domiciled Residents who rent (minimum of 60 day lease), verified with vehicle registration copy of rental lease agreement signed by landlord, and cancelled rent check. Include copy of lease agreement if car is leased..

b. Domiciled Residents of Essex and Rockport, verified with vehicle registration and copy of their driver's license. Include copy of lease agreement if car is leased.

c. All other Non-Residents (200 stickers available per season), verified with copy of vehicle registration. Include copy of lease agreement if vehicle is leased.

d. User fees: see Appendix A

3. SENIOR CITIZEN STICKER criteria:

a. Domiciled Senior Citizen Residents of Gloucester, age 65 and older, verified with their vehicle registration and drivers license. Include copy of lease agreement if car is leased.

b. A Senior Citizen sticker carries residency status for the purpose of parking in "Resident Sticker Parking Only" designated areas.

c. User fees: see Appendix A

4. GUEST VOUCHER criteria:

a. Motel, hotel, guest house, camp ground owners, and licensed innkeepers only may receive bulk issue of beach parking guest vouchers for the current season as needed for issue to guests that are actually booked into accommodations at their establishments.

b. Vouchers will only be issued to establishments that show State Room Tax # or valid Federal Employer ID Number, which ever applies. This procedure is subject to review by the Director of Public Works and abuse may result in revocation of Vouchers.

c. Vouchers shall be valid for one day only, Memorial Day to Labor Day, 8:00am to 3:00pm. Reduced rates for late arrivals do not apply to Guest Vouchers. Vouchers are non-negotiable and non-transferable.

d. If a guest voucher is not stamped with the establishment's name and that day's date it will not be accepted. No handwritten guest vouchers will be accepted.

e. User Fees: see Appendix A.

B. Issue restrictions:

1. Domicile is determined by Vehicle Registration. All stickers will be issued to a vehicle based on registration and property ownership, and not to a person or residence, except senior citizen stickers.
2. Senior citizen stickers will be issued to a qualifying vehicle (based on registration), together with the qualifying individual (based on age) for his/her exclusive use. The qualifying individual must be present in the vehicle for the vehicle to receive exempted admittance. There is a limit of one senior citizen sticker per qualifying individual / vehicle combination.
3. A Non-Resident Senior Citizen who otherwise qualifies for a resident sticker as a non-resident property owner, may obtain a resident senior sticker upon payment of the appropriate resident sticker fee.
4. A Resident Senior Citizen who qualifies for and receives a Senior Citizen sticker, may also receive a resident sticker for the same vehicle upon payment of the appropriate resident sticker fee.
5. A Domiciled resident can get a sticker for a company owned car if they have a letter, on company stationary, signed by an officer of the firm, stating the employee has exclusive use of the vehicle. The employee must provide proof of residency.
7. Personal property ownership does not qualify as real estate property ownership for the purpose of establishing proof of residency.
8. Dealer and Repair plates do not qualify for any type of sticker

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9. All stickers shall be permanently affixed to the approved vehicle at the time of issuance. Stickers shall be affixed to the extreme lower left corner of the front windshield or to a driver's side window.
10. Loose stickers will not be honored.
11. To prevent confusion, misunderstanding and delays at the parking lot entrance gate, all patrons will be asked to remove all expired stickers.
12. All stickers and guest vouchers are non-transferable, non-negotiable, and non-refundable.
13. Stickers expire at the end of the calendar year in which issued, except senior citizen stickers which will be issued in five year increments beginning in 2011 and shall expire in year dates ending in zero and five.

C. User Fees:

1. Parking fees: see Appendix A.
2. Sticker and voucher fees: see Appendix A.
3. All user parking fees, once paid, are nonrefundable.
4. Parking user fees shall routinely be collected at the full applicable rate at Stage Fort Park from 8:00am to 4:00pm daily.
5. Parking user fees shall routinely be collected at the full applicable rates from 8:00am to 3:00pm daily at Good Harbor Beach and Wingaersheek Beach. From 3:00pm to 5:00pm a reduced rate of $10 off the applicable weekday rate and $10.00 off the applicable weekend/holiday rates shall be collected at both locations in order to equitably accommodate late arrivals. This reduced rate does not apply to Guest Vouchers.
6. When, at the option of the Director, Beach parking fees are collected on the weekdays or weekends before Memorial Day and after Labor Day, there will be a $10 discount off the applicable daily rate to reflect non-peak season beach conditions.
7. Buses and vans that drop off passengers within the park or beach parking areas shall first pay the applicable parking fee regardless if the parking lot is used or not.
8. All stickers, including seniors, that are lost, stolen, destroyed, missing, confiscated, or invalidated due to a change in plates or registration will be charged a re-issuance fee at the time of application for a replacement sticker.
9. Exemptions: domiciled resident senior citizens only, age 65 and older. An issuance fee will be effective in 2011, which shall be prorated over a five year period.
10. Special Events: The Director of Public Works may establish nominal parking fees for groups, organizations and special events in order to cover city expenses of conducting the event.

D. Parking Restrictions:

1. Parking restrictions posted in and around beaches, park areas, and the Beach District (Ord. 22-176(b)) will be strictly enforced. Violators may be tagged and towed at owners expense.
2. Unattended children and pets shall not be left in vehicles in the beach and park parking lots.
3. All City beach and park employees (collectors, lot attendants, lifeguards, etc.), contract concession personnel, and contract rest room personnel that are residents of Gloucester, must have a current beach sticker in order to enter and park in the parking lot. Any non-resident employee will need to purchase a "employee pass for non-residents" at the price of a Resident beach sticker. This pass will be valid only on days the employee is working at the beach or park.
4. Employee and contractor vehicles shall be parked in the general use parking lot areas and will not be parked adjacent to concession facilities.
5. Vehicles, public and employee, shall not be parked closer than 30 feet to a collector booth.
6. Reserved parking areas for "resident sticker use only" may be established and made available for dedicated resident use from lot opening time up to 1:00pm daily, at which time the reserved parking areas will revert to unrestricted use.
7. Except when space is reasonably available, the parking of buses at Good Harbor Beach at all times; and at Wingaersheek Beach and Stage Fort Park on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, shall be prohibited.

E. Enforcement:

1. Violation of sticker eligibility criteria and sticker issue restrictions may result in enforcement actions to include sticker confiscation, and/or ineligibility for sticker issuance for one succeeding calendar year.

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2. Violation enforcement authority is vested in the Public Properties Operations Manager, Beach Constables, Parking Lot Supervisors of the DPW, and Treasurer/Collector.

III. Miscellaneous Restrictions:

A. Horses:

Horseback riding is prohibited on city beaches and in Stage Fort Park, year round.

B. Games & Sports:

Baseball, softball, football, archery, frisbee tossing, horseshoe pitching, golfing or any other rough-game sports or play is permitted only in areas designated by the Director of Public Works.

C. Inflatable Objects:

Use of **all PFD's,** inflatable toys, rafts, tubes, mattresses or other inflated objects and the use of all floating objects, except "boogie boards", in the water of all public beaches is prohibited. Boogie Boards will be permitted **at** Good Harbor Beach. A "boogie board" will be defined as a small 19" to 44" soft board comprised of foam, polyurethane, polystyrene, etc., with an attached wrist leash. Floating boards that do not meet this definition are prohibited from use on the beach.

D. Umbrellas, Tents, & Shelters:

Umbrellas must be properly anchored to prevent wind-caused accidents. No tents **(larger than 10' x 10')** or shelters are allowed with the exception of sun shades and umbrellas.

E. Airplanes & Helicopters:

No airplanes or helicopters shall be permitted to take off or land from City beaches or park land (other than on official Government business). Violators will be reported to the Federal Aviation Agency.

F. Model Airplanes /Drones (Radio Control Aircraft):

All Gloucester beaches:

1. **Drones and radio controlled aircrafts are not allowed to fly over any public Gloucester beach or parking lots between May 15th and September 30th.**

G. Scuba or Skin Diving:

1. At no time will Scuba or skin divers be allowed to use underwater weapons of any type in waters off city beaches.
2. Snorkeling paraphernalia used by non-scuba or skin divers shall be restricted at the discretion of the lifeguards.

H. Boat Launching & Surfing:

1. Boat launching and landing are prohibited at all public beaches between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day, without the permission of the lifeguard.
2. Surfing is prohibited at all public beaches between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day, without the permission of the lifeguard.
3. Boardsailing shall be prohibited at all Gloucester City public beaches subject to the following exceptions:
   a. At Niles beach, boardsailers may access the southeastern most 75 feet of public beach and shall be prohibited from the harbor channel.
   b. At Cressey's beach, boardsailers may access only a 75 foot section of the beach located immediately to the west of the drive-through ramp in the seawall and shall be prohibited from the Harbor channel.
   c. At other public beaches boardsailing is prohibited between 9:00am and 5:00pm daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

I. Sand Dune Protection:

Motor vehicles of any kind are prohibited from driving on sand dunes at City beaches. Pedestrian or animal access to Dunes Conservation Areas is strictly prohibited.

J. Audio Devices:

Radios, portable stereos, so-called "boom boxes", etc., are prohibited at City beaches and parks. Personal systems with individual speaker outlets (i.e. ear pieces, walkman, ear phones) are permitted.

K. Pets:

In accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances Section 4-16a. Dogs allowed on public beaches at certain times. Dogs shall be prohibited from public beaches from May 1to September 30 annually. Dogs shall be allowed on public beaches from October 1 to April 30 annually and shall be under the control of the owner or keeper. In

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addition, unleashed dogs shall be allowed on Good Harbor Beach and Wingaersheek Beach from: October 1 to April 30, annually, subject to the following conditions:

Off leash all day on even-numbered days at Good Harbor Beach, odd-numbered days at Wingaersheek Beach, and Plum Cove Beach **and Cressey Beach** on consecutive days in the off season **and Crab Beach year round**

1. Owners must remain with and monitor their dogs. Owners, per the below conditions, define person with direct care, custody, and control of a dog while in a designated off-leash area.
2. Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated as required by applicable law and ordinance.
3. Dogs must wear their tags and have no contagious conditions, diseases or parasites.
4. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting a designated off-leash area.
5. Dogs and humans are not allowed in the dunes.
6. Dogs with a history of dangerous or aggressive behavior as determined by the Animal Control Officer are prohibited.
7. Dogs younger than four (4) months are not allowed.
8. Unaltered male dogs or female dogs in heat are not allowed
9. Owners must immediately remove dogs who are exhibiting aggressive behavior.
10. Owners must carry a leash; one leash per dog is required.
11. Maximum of two (2) unleashed dogs per owner.
12. Owners must have in their possession an adequate number of poop bags, or other appropriate device for removal of their dog(s) waste.
13. Owners must clean up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in an appropriate waste container.
14. Owners must fill in any holes dug by their dog(s).
15. Any violation of conditions 1through 12 and 14 above shall be subject to a fine of $50 for each offense. Any violations of condition 13 above shall be subject to a fine of $100 for each offense; and dogs(s) may have off-leash privileges revoked by Animal Control.

    Fines for violations will be double in season for beaches and other off-leash areas as determined.

L. Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited:

In accordance with state law and local ordinance, the unpermitted use of alcoholic beverages, **marijuana, tobacco marijuana and marijuana products** on all City beaches, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, and parking lots is prohibited. Bottles and glass of any kind are prohibited on city beaches, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, and parking lots.

M. Litter Control:

Rubbish and litter shall be deposited in trash receptacles, dumpsters, and / or bags provided by the City. Littering on city beaches, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, and parking lots is prohibited and punishable by fines up to $100 per violation. Good Harbor, Wingaersheek, Niles and Plum Cove beaches have instituted a "Carry In – Carry Out" policy. Beach goers must be prepared to take away all trash as there are no longer any trash receptacles on the beach for public use.

N. Conduct and Behavior:

All persons destroying public property or engaging in disorderly conduct will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Sleeping or camping on city beaches, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, and parking lots between 9:00pm and 8:00 am is strictly prohibited.

O. Open Fires Prohibited:

Open fires of any type are prohibited on city beaches and Stage Fort Park. Cooking is allowed with either gas or charcoal grills at Stage Fort Park only. All hot coals must be deposited in designated containers.

P. Surf Condition Flags:

Surf condition flags will be on display at Good Harbor and Wingaersheek beaches. These flags will be utilized by the lifeguards to help inform beachgoers of the daily conditions as well as help with keeping swimmers out of the water when the conditions warrant. Flags will be on display on the flagpoles, end of boardwalks and backs of guard stands

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APPENDIX A

PARKING AND RENTAL FEES ESTABLISHED
(City Council Amended Parking Fees April 26, 2016)

1. Parking fees
   a. SFP

Passenger car, SW, mini-van, SUV	$10.00 weekdays
	$15.00 weekends, holidays
Motorcycle	$5.00 each
Van (8+ seats)	$15.00 weekdays
	$20.00 weekends, holidays
Bus (13+ seats)	$20.00 weekdays
	$25.00 weekends, holidays
Bus (26+ seats)	$25.00 weekdays
	$30.00 weekends, holidays
Guest Voucher	$5.00 discount off the full daily rate

   b. GHB/WING

Passenger car, SW, mini van, SUV	
8:00am to 3:00pm	$25.00 weekdays
	$30.00 weekends, holidays
3:00pm to 5:00pm	$15.00 weekdays
	$20.00 weekends, holidays
Motorcycle	$5.00 each
Van (8+ seats)	$30.00 weekdays
	$35.00 weekends, holidays
Bus (13+ seats)	$35.00 weekdays
	$45.00 weekends, holidays
Bus (26+ seats)	$40.00 weekdays
	$50.00 weekends, holidays
Guest Voucher	$10.00 discount off the full daily rate

2. Sticker fees:
   a. Resident sticker

Domiciled resident	$20.00
Non-resident property owner	$20.00
Non-resident Senior Citizen property owner	$20.00
Non-resident college student	$20.00
Trust property owner (beneficiary)	$20.00
Stationed Armed Forces Servicemen	$20.00

   b. Non-Resident sticker

Non-domiciled resident (+60 day renter)	$50.00
Non-resident (Essex and Rockport)	$250.00
Non-resident (200 available)	$250.00

   c. Senior Citizen sticker

Domiciled resident Senior Citizen (65+)	($5.00 effective 2011)

3. Re-issue fee $5.00

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4. Beach and Park Rental fees:

Beach fee: off season (commercial)	$250.00 daily
Beach fee: in season (Memorial to Labor) (commercial)	$400.00 daily
Beach fee: non commercial	$25.00 daily
Stage Fort Park: group area use permit (Sch, YMCA, Camp)	$25.00 daily
Stage Fort Park: group area use permit – non catered	$75.00 daily
Stage Fort Park: group area use permit – catered	$250.00 daily
Stage Fort Park: Bandstand (Gazebo)	$250.00 2 hr max
Stage Fort Park: Rose Garden	$250.00 2 hr max
Stage Fort Park: off season, commercial	$250.00 daily
Stage Fort Park: in season, commercial	$400.00 daily

5. Special Events:

   The Director of Public Works may establish nominal parking fees for groups, organizations and special events in order to cover city expenses of conducting the event.

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