TRAFFIC AND PARKING ORDINANCE

of the Town of Chebeague Island
MAINE

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Attest:

Town Clerk _____

Seal:

SECTION 101. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Traffic and Parking Ordinance in the Town of Chebeague Island, Maine," and shall be referred to herein as "this Ordinance" or "this chapter".

SECTION 102. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

This ordinance was enacted to provide for the establishment of uniform rules governing the flow of traffic on Chebeague Island, and to regulate the parking of vehicles on the roads and public facilities of the Town of Chebeague Island. It is intended to ensure safety to people and property, to promote availability and use of public facilities, to encourage and protect traditional maritime and commercial activities, to make provision for commercial maritime activities and to create a fair and efficient framework for administration of those regulations. It supersedes the similar provisions of the Town of Chebeague Island Coastal Waters Ordinance, except those sections of the same, which may be incorporated herein.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VII-A of the Maine Constitution and Title 30-A M.R.S.A, Chapter 187, Subchapter IV. This ordinance shall be subordinate to existing Federal and State Laws governing the same matters and is not intended to preempt other valid laws.

SECTION 103. DEFINITIONS

a) The definitions contained in Title 12-A M.R.S.A. for terms not otherwise defined in this chapter shall govern the construction of words contained in this Ordinance. Any words not otherwise defined therein shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.
b) Compact Vehicle - Any vehicle that is less than 15' in overall maximum length.
c) Commercial Vehicle - Any vehicle whose primary use is for business purposes including but not limited to vehicles with commercial license plates and vehicles over 15'.
d) Off island contractor, employee or Company- A person or company that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a service or do a job on Chebeague Island. An individual or company specifically commutes to the island to do the work on island.
e) Medical or Emergency Services Personnel- trained professionals who respond to health and safety situations including but not limited to paramedics, EMT's, Nurses/Doctors, Firefighters, Police Officers.

SECTION 104. TOWN ROADS

a) Speed Limits - The Maine Department of Transportation has established the speed limit on the Town Roads of Chebeague Island to be 30 MPH. The Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, petition the Department to change the posted speed limit.

b) Plowing of Snow – Title 29-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 21, Subchapter 2396 prohibits any person from placing in the public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally. A violation of this section and 29-A M.R.S.A. Subchapters 103 and 104 state that the exclusive penalty for which is a fine of not less than $25, nor more than $500, suspension of license, or both.

c) Parking on Town Roads – It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle within the right-of-way of any town road so as to impede or create unsafe conditions for travel, maintenance, or emergency vehicle access. The town has the right to provide designated off-street parking in certain areas, if they are properly marked and approved.

d) No overnight parking will be permitted on any town roads except Wharf Rd.

e) Driver-attended parking (staging) shall be allowed on South Rd near the intersection of Deer Point and Bennetts Cove Rd. in the event a vehicle needs to wait for the Barge. No overnight parking shall be permitted in this area.

f) No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on beaches except those owned by licensed commercial fisherman for work related duties.

SECTION 105. STONE WHARF AREA

It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle to block or restrict access to the Stone Wharf landing, ramp or pier. Vehicles cannot be left unattended outside of regularly marked parking spaces.

a) Bicycles shall be parked only at a rack placed in a location on Stone Wharf.

b) A designated area will be provided for mopeds and scooters at Stone Wharf. No ATV's or other off road like vehicles are permitted to park in the area.

c) Motor vehicles shall be parked for no more than twenty-four (24) hours on the Stone Wharf or on the Wharf Road.

d) A pedestrian safety zone six (6) feet wide is hereby established on the west face of the Wharf, as shown on the Stone Wharf Parking Plan. (Attachment A)

e) Seven (7) parking spaces on the east face of the wharf shall be reserved for the use of handicapped people. Only individuals who are issued valid handicap permits may park in designated spaces. Parking attendants are authorized to ticket those misusing these spots.

f) Two (2) parking spaces shall be reserved for the captain and crew of the Chebeague Transportation Company on the south face of the wharf. (Attachment A)

g) No vehicle shall be left parked and unattended in any area that is not identified in Attachment A as a regular or reserved parking space. Parking shall be permitted on the South shoulder of Wharf Road, and no parking shall be permitted on the North shoulder.

h) Police, fire, rescue and other emergency vehicles and equipment shall be exempt from this ordinance during times of emergency or official duties.

i) The areas shown on the Stone Wharf Parking Plan designated as "Seasonal Trap Loading" Area shall be reserved for loading and unloading only. No cars may be left parked and unattended in this area.

j) Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the "Seasonal Trap Loading" Area as shown on the Stone Wharf Parking Plan shall be limited to a staging area for those picking and dropping people up from the boat. There shall be no unattended parking. (Attachment A)

k) During the months of June and November, the "Seasonal Trap Loading" Area as shown on the Stone Wharf Parking Plan shall be limited to temporary use to allow fishermen access to load and unload gear. The two (2) spaces adjacent to the hash-mark section (angle change) shall be "No Parking-June and November" as depicted on Attachment A.

l) No person shall leave any commercial fishing equipment standing for a period more than forty-eight (48) hours anywhere on Stone Wharf.

m) There shall be no overnight parking for commercial vehicles with trailers. All commercial vehicles and off island contractors/companies shall park in parallel spaces on Stone Wharf Road only. No Commercial vehicles shall park in the gravel parking area or Stone Wharf. This includes but is not limited to commercial trucks, vans and large size vehicles.

n) Municipality may provide up to 3 passes to Island Commons and 2 passes to Kids Place. The passes must be picked up at the Town Office and placed on the windshield. Passes are not transferable between cars and cannot be copied. Passes are not applicable to resident parking area and cannot exceed 48-hour parking.

o) All the spaces on Stone Wharf shall be reserved for residents only between Labor Day and Memorial Day (See Attachment B).

   A. For this purpose, a resident is considered someone who is registered to vote on Chebeague Island.

   B. Upon verification of voter registration status by the Town Administrator or designated town employee, a free sticker will be provided. The sticker must be placed in the front windshield of the vehicle. One sticker per registered voter.

   C. All outstanding parking tickets must be paid in full.

   D. Excludes handicapped and the 2 CTC parking spaces.

p. Municipality will provide commercial fishing stickers to island residents who fish commercially in winter months. Stickers are to be placed in a vehicle which may park up to 72 hours while engaged in commercial fishing. The stickers are not applicable between Memorial Day and Labor Day or within the resident parking area.

SECTION 106. CHANDLER'S COVE WHARF AREA

a) Motor vehicles shall not be parked for more than twenty-four (24) hours in either of the two town-owned parking lots, except for vehicles owned by public utility companies.

b) One space, if necessary, shall be reserved for employees of the U.S Postal Service.

c) Municipality will provide commercial fishing stickers to island residents who fish commercially in winter months. Stickers are to be placed in a vehicle which may park up to 72 hours while engaged in commercial fishing. The stickers are not applicable between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

SECTION 107. INDIAN POINT AREA

a) No vehicles shall be parked and left unattended in front of any driveway and the chain linked fence across Indian Point Rd.
b) Any additional parking beyond Four (4) spaces will take place on North Rd. on the straight section of the road.

SECTION 108. BENNETT'S COVE AREA

a) Overnight Parking of vehicles (12 midnight through 7:00 am) on Bennett's Cove Road is prohibited.
b) Parking vehicles in the turnaround area at the foot of Bennett's Cove Road is always prohibited.
c) Two (2) parking spaces shall be reserved for the use of handicapped people.
d) No idling is permitted on Bennett's Cove Rd. Any vehicles waiting for a barge should do so in the marked designated staging area near the intersection of Deer Point Rd and South Rd.
e) Vehicles parked Overnight or in front of No Parking sign will receive $100 file for each offense.

SECTION 109. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be administered by any duly sworn law enforcement officer and / or Parking Enforcement Attendant or any other person so designated by the Town Administrator.

Law Enforcement Officers of the Town of Chebeague Island, the Parking Enforcement Attendant or other person so authorized by the Town Administrator, shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.

The Town Administrator shall cause fines to be collected via legal methods of collection. Any fines not collected after thirty (30) days of the issuance of a notice of violation shall be either turned over to a collection agency, prosecuted in Small Claims Court, or collected by other means such as prosecution by the Sheriff in conjunction with the District Attorney.

The Town Administrator shall have the authority to hear appeals of the issuance of the Notice of Violation. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Town Administrator shall appeal, in writing, to the Selectboard, who shall hold a hearing on the grievance at their next scheduled regular meeting.

Town Administrator is authorized to grant exceptions to medical and emergency services personnel who work 24-hour shifts off island. To obtain such a waiver, eligible individuals must provide proof of their 24-hour shift schedule and receive approval from the Town Administrator.

SECTION 110. PENALTIES

Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to any fine, the municipality may seek restitution for the cost of repairs to any damaged way or related structure and reasonable attorney fees and costs. Prosecution shall be in the name of the municipality and shall be brought in the Maine District Court.

Any person found in violation of the following parking provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine as listed below:

$50 Parking in a no parking area
$25 Overtime parking (more than 24 hours)
$50 Overtime parking (more than 48 hours)
$75 Overnight parking after 2 consecutive days (more than 72 hours)
$50 Parking in a handicapped parking space
$25-Parking in a loading zone

A boot may be placed on a vehicle that is not in compliance with the current rules at the discretion of the Town Administrator and the Parking Enforcement Officer. All outstanding parking tickets must be paid prior to removal of the boot.

SECTION 111. AMENDMENTS

After adoption of this Ordinance at a Town Meeting, and after a duly noticed hearing, the Selectboard have the authority to make amendments, deletions and additions to this Ordinance as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Chebeague Island.

SECTION 112. SEVERABILITY

In the event any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Attachment A

Stone Wharf, Chebeague Island, Maine
September 17, 2025

Attachment B

Resident-only Parking Area
Stone Wharf, Chebeague Island, Maine
September 17, 2025