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**To:** Board of Selectmen

**From:** Recreation Director Putnam Kidder, Police Chief Emily Cobb, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Will Kidder

**Date:** 5/5/2026

**Subject:** Ordinance Updates

This memo is to inform the Board of Selectmen of our intention to update the following ordinances to ensure consistency, provide clarification, and encourage compliance:

Beach Use Ordinance (last updated June 2, 2009)

Parking Ordinance (last updated May 2, 2011)

Transfer Station and Beach Parking Permit Ordinance (last updated May 2, 2011)

Part of the intended changes will include an increase in the penalty fine amounts for violations and for replacement of a Temporary Beach Parking Permit from \$25 to \$100. The reasoning behind these intended changes includes the need to address outdated ordinances and, based on complaints received over the years, a need to increase the fine (especially as it pertains to beach parking permits). The intent of raising the fines is to reduce the amount of non-conforming vehicles parked at locations throughout Town, but primarily the beaches. We have limited parking spaces at both Elkins and Bucklin Beaches, and we hear from residents that these limited spots are taken by vehicles with no beach parking permits. The NLPD performs compliance checks on vehicles at the beaches over the summer and issues tickets accordingly. Increasing the fine from \$25 to \$100 will hopefully be an additional deterrent to non-conforming vehicles and open up our limited spots for vehicles with beach parking permits.

We propose to bring these changes to the Board of Selectmen at their May 19, 2026 meeting for their review. After discussion, feedback, and any changes are made, a public hearing would be scheduled. Our hope is to have these ordinances updated and the public hearing held by the end of June 2026 for implementation this summer.