

1. Where can I park in the Town of Barnstable.

Free 6 hour parking is available in the Town owned parking lots at 397 Main Street (behind the JFK Museum), 300 South Street (next to the American Red Cross), on North Street behind the 400 block of Main Street businesses (Boarding House, Kilwin's Puritan, etc.), and also 249 North Street (across from Volvo Hyannis). Free 2 hour parking is available along Main Street, Hyannis and adjacent side streets.

Pay to Park lots are available at 25 Ocean Street and the Bismore Park area (from Spanky's to the Hy-Line) along the Hyannis waterfront. Rates are \$2.00 per hour for each of the first two hours and then \$3.00 per hour after for a maximum of 6 hours from May 1 to October 15. From October 16 to April 30, rates are \$1.00 per hour for a maximum of 12 hours.

Per Chapter 401A of the Town of Barnstable Bylaws, *"Resident Parking permits are required year round (1/1/current year thru 12/31/current year) at all posted Resident beaches and Town Ways to Water."* Enforcement at Public beaches takes place, annually, from May to September.

2. I received a parking ticket. What are my options?

Once a parking ticket has been issued, there are 2 options available - you can pay it or appeal it. The issue of an appeal is whether or not the cited rule was violated. Therefore, an appeal is warranted if you believe that the ticket was issued in error or that you did not commit the violation described in the ticket. You may also appeal the ticket if you believe it was issued correctly and you committed the violation described, but you believe that there were mitigating circumstances involved. Please keep in mind, however, that it is no defense to "not mean" to violate a rule, to "see others" violate it, to "not realize" it was violated, or to have "violated it in the past without penalty." To appeal a ticket, you will need to complete the Town's parking appeal form (PDF).

3. I appealed a violation in writing and was denied. What can I do now?

Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 20A1/2, the decision of the Parking Clerk for a City or Town is the final decision. If you are unhappy with the decision, you may contact the Barnstable Superior Court to request of judicial review of the matter, as outlined in MGL Chapter 30A, Section 14. However, don't just ignore the decision and not pay the fine. This will result in late fees being incurred and reporting to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for non-renewal of your license and/or registration.

4. I am marked at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for non-renewal of my driver's license and registration because of outstanding parking tickets. What do I need to do to clear the marks?

When you are "marked" or "flagged" at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for non-renewal you must pay all outstanding parking tickets, whether they are with the Town of Barnstable or another municipality. Barnstable's Parking Management staff have the ability to "clear" your hold through the Registry once you have paid. If payment is made by check, you will not receive a Registry Release until the check has cleared, which could take up to 3 weeks. No Registry Releases will be given unless all outstanding tickets are paid in full. Payments can be made in person by cash, money order or credit card, by mail via money order only, or online.

5. I have already paid my ticket. Why am I being charged for it again?

If you believe you have paid a ticket that you are being billed for, you must contact the Parking Management office. The Parking Management staff will review their records and may request that you submit proof of payment, a receipt or if payment was made by check, a copy of the front and back of the

cancelled check. Credit will be given to the account once the research is done and the proof of payment is verified. View contact information for the Parking Office.

6. If I have a handicap placard, can I park anywhere?

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a handicap placard allows you to park in a handicap designated space or any other marked parking space on a public roadway, without restriction of time or payment. The exception to this is that in the Town-owned Pay to Park parking lots on Ocean Street and at Bismore Park, payment is still required for usage, including the handicap spaces, as is posted.

7. Where do I obtain an application for a handicap placard?

You may apply for a handicap placard at any Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Please contact the RMV directly at 1-800-858-3926 for more information.

8. Where do I find the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 20A?

Massachusetts General Laws can be found online at <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws>.

9. Why did I get a ticket when there wasn't even a "no parking" sign?

The Town of Barnstable has numerous traffic and parking rules and regulations that are described in the Town's Bylaws. A great many of these ordinances are considered to be common sense or courtesy. They are things that most drivers learn early in their driving careers. Sometimes, in our hectic lives we forget some of these things. These are things that are ticket-able offenses, even if there is no reminder present, such as a sign.

The following is a list of the most common infractions issued throughout the Town:

12 inches+ away from curb	Parked in an intersection
Blocking an alley	Parking in a handicap space without a permit
Blocking driveway	Parking on a sidewalk
Obstructing traffic	Too close to a stop sign
Parked in a crosswalk	

10. How much are tickets for violations in the Town of Barnstable?

Citations vary in amount, depending on the offense. The following is the Schedule of Parking Fines in effect in the Town of Barnstable:

Fire Lane	\$100.00	Upon a Cross walk	\$40.00
Handicap Parking	\$100.00	Double Parking	\$40.00
Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant	\$100.00	Parking in a Loading Zone	\$40.00
Within 10 feet of a fire station	\$50.00	Obstruction of Driveway/Private Road	\$40.00
Across from a fire station	\$50.00	Parking Wrong Side of Road	\$40.00
Expired Inspection Sticker	\$50.00	Parking within 20 feet of corner	\$40.00
Expired Registration Sticker	\$50.00	Over 12 inches from curb	\$40.00
Meter Violation	\$40.00	<10 feet of unobstructed lane	\$40.00
Overtime Parking	\$40.00	All night parking when restricted	\$40.00
Beach Parking Regulation	\$40.00	Parking without a valid permit	\$40.00
Parking in a Prohibited Area	\$40.00	Vehicle Sale Advertising	\$40.00

11. I was only there for a few minutes over the allowable time limit. Why did I get a ticket?

The object of time-limited parking is to help provide the customers of our many downtown merchants with access to the most convenient parking possible. Time-limited parking in the downtown protects the interests of the business and retail community by ensuring that parking is regularly available and turned over. Keeping these free parking spaces available is, therefore, very important to the success of our downtown.

The term "harboring" is when a car occupies an on street parking space for longer than the legal allowance. Harboring poses a problem in business districts by preventing turnover of parking spaces, which would allow new users access to the district. When these free parking spots are taken by all-day commuters, etc. our downtown merchants risk losing potential customers. Parking enforcement is used to discourage harboring.

Other parking practices that are harmful to the downtown businesses include "car shuffling" and "double parking". The practice of "car shuffling" by merchants and/or employees who work in the downtown is also harmful to the success of the downtown. Car shuffling is the constant moving of a vehicle to another time limited parking space before the current parking space time limit is up; moving the vehicle back to the same space after driving around the block; or a vehicle has been parked for longer than the total time limit allows. However, every space occupied by a car belonging to a merchant or one of their employees means one less space for the shopping and buying public.

Most parking spaces are clearly marked out with lines. The practice of "double parking" refers to cars which take up multiple parking spaces. When a vehicle takes up 2 spaces, it disrupts the order of a parking lot or street, and takes away an opportunity for another shopper to park. Since other cars will follow suit to be more space efficient, the problem can have a domino effect on the street or across a parking lot.

12. Is there enough parking in the downtown area?

Yes. Between free, time-limited on-street parking and paid off-street parking there are over 1,000 public parking spaces in the downtown. That number does not even include any of the many parking spaces made available to customers of privately owned businesses.