

**Policy Committee Meeting  
January 24, 2022**

Committee Chair Norman Belanger called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Councilors Norman Belanger, Amy Clearwater and Liam LaFountain;  
Committee Members Renee O’Neil and Jake Pierson

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Carmen Morris, Police Chief Roger Beaupre,  
Chief Operating Officer Brian Phinney

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

*Acceptance of Minutes:* **October 12, 2021**

Motion by Member O’Neil, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to accept the minutes as printed.  
Vote: Unanimous.

**Discussion/Approval: Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-66 – Beach permit parking regulations enumerated, Subsections (2) and (3)/Proposed Beach Permit Fee Increases**

This ordinance amendment was sent back to the Policy Committee from the December 21, 2021 Council Meeting for further review and recommendation.

Councilor Belanger opened up discussion prior to taking a motion.

Chief Operating Officer Brian Phinney presented this item, explaining that Recreation Director Carl Walsh, along with the Recreation Commission, put together a number of options for proposed beach permit increases. The goal is to price the beach permits in such a way that the expenses for maintaining the beaches, staffing and supplies in completely covered.

Overall, the Committee members agreed that the Beach Permit Fund should be self-sufficient; and only those who use the beaches would, in essence, be paying for the upkeep of the beaches. They also agreed that expenses to deal with beach erosion and invasive species should not be charged to this Fund.

Councilor Belanger proposed that the option titled, “Mostly Non-Resident Burden” be recommended to send to Council; but with the Resident permit going to **\$35**.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor LaFountain to recommend the following to the City Council:

- a. Person who can provide a vehicle registered both in the City and the State of Maine. All residents of the City may obtain parking permits for compliance with this Section for a fee of ~~\$28~~ **\$30** **\$35** for the first vehicle, \$15 **\$20** per additional vehicle registered at the same address, \$15 **\$20** for residents 65 and older, payable to the City Clerk. Proof of eligibility will be the burden of the applicant.

(3) Persons ineligible under Subsection (2) may obtain a parking permit to be in compliance with this section for a fee of ~~\$153~~ ~~\$155~~ **\$245** for a season permit; ~~\$79~~ ~~\$82~~ **\$140** for a seven-day permit; ~~\$46~~ ~~\$49~~ **\$75** for a three-day permit; and ~~\$22~~ ~~\$25~~ **\$35** for a one-day permit. The seven-day and three-day permits are valid in consecutive days only, and are not transferable from vehicle to another.

Vote: Unanimous.

*Discussion/Approval:* **Ch. 40, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses/Art. III-Discharge of Firearms, Sec. 40-43-Discharge of firearm in “no firearms discharge zone”/Add ‘on Sunday...prohibited’**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses, **Article III DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, Section 40-43** Discharge of firearm in “no firearms discharge zone” amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Sec. 40-43 **Discharge of firearm on Sunday or in “no firearms discharge zone” prohibited.**

It is unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm as defined in Section 40-45 on Sunday or within ~~in~~ or into the “No discharge of firearms zone” ~~in~~ as outlined ~~described~~ in Section 40-45.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor LaFountain to recommend passage to the City Council.

Police Chief Roger Beaupre presented this item, explaining that the issue came up from an email he received from Mayor Casavant, who had heard from a constituent. He explained that the proposed ordinance language is compliant with the State Law of no hunting on Sundays.

The Committee was reluctant to establish and/or change an ordinance in reaction to one constituent. They realize the potential implications of this ordinance change and felt it would be best handled by the full Council.

Councilors Clearwater and LaFountain amended their motion to send to the City Council with no recommendation.

Vote: Unanimous.

*Discussion/Approval:* **Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-99-No through trucks/Add Round Hill Street**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, **Article IV SPECIFIC STREET REGULATIONS, Section 42-99** No through trucks, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Sec. 42-99 **No through trucks.**

(a) One-and-one-half-ton and over. There shall be no through trucks over 1 1/2 ton in size on

the following streets:

Diamond Street, no trucks greater than 1 1/2 ton; local deliveries only

Stone Street, no trucks greater than 1 1/2 ton; local deliveries only

Summer Street, signs to be placed at Summer Street and Harrison Street and Summer Street and Birch Street

(b) Five tons and over. There shall be no through trucks over five tons gross vehicle weight on the following streets:

Edwards Avenue

Graham Street, any part between Crescent Street and Alfred Streets

Grayson Street, any part between Elm Street and Hill Street

Janelle Street

Maple Avenue, any part

May Street, any part

Round Hill Street

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Member O'Neil to recommend passage to the City Council.

Vote: Unanimous.

*Discussion/Approval: Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-90-No Parking/Add Lemieux Street*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Lemieux Street, even numbered side, beginning at the intersection with Rathier Street, thence southwesterly to the intersection with Forest Street.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Member O'Neil to recommend passage to the City Council.

Vote: 3/2; Councilor Clearwater and Member O'Neil opposed.

Councilors Belanger and LaFountain; and Member Pierson in favor.

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor LaFountain to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:20 p.m.