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PRESS RELEASE

City of Biddeford to Offer Online Beach Permit Sales for Residents

New Permit Pricing in Effect for Online System

BIDDEFORD (February 28, 2022) — The City of Biddeford is pleased to offer residents a new online service for purchasing beach permits.

“We have received a lot of requests over the years to be able to provide an online purchasing service for beach permits, but the issue of confirming residency made it a challenge,” said City Clerk Carmen Morris. “We’re very excited that we were able to develop a system that will make the process simple and efficient for both residents and staff.”

To purchase the permit online, residents will need to upload a copy of a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle listed on the permit. If the vehicle registration does not show a physical street address in Biddeford, proof of Biddeford residency must also be uploaded into the online system. Permit purchases will be validated by City Clerk’s Office staff on the next business day.

The pricing that residents will see in the new system reflects the updated permit prices set for the 2022 summer season. The City Council recently approved an ordinance change that would increase the cost of beach permits in order to cover increases in costs associated with summer beach operations, such as wages for lifeguards and custodians. Seasonal beach permits for residents have been set for \$35 for the summer season, with permits for residents 65+ and permits for additional vehicles in the same household set at \$20. There is a \$2.50 service fee for online permit purchases.

For Summer 2022 permits, residents will not be issued a beach permit sticker to display. Permit registration will be confirmed by license plate number. Those who purchase permits online are asked to print a copy of their confirmation email and display it in the vehicle’s front windshield, driver’s side, with the plate number visible.

Permits will continue to be available for purchase in person in the City Clerk’s Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beach permits are required to park in any of the City’s beach areas daily from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. between June 15 and Labor Day each year.

Visit www.biddefordmaine.org/beaches to learn more and find the link to the online permit portal.

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