ARTICLE 37. Sholan Park Bylaw – Nonresidential Permits, Fines, Inspections

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SHOLAN PARK BYLAW – Nonresidential Permits, Fines, Inspections
Section 1. Access
Parking is permitted only between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM daily unless otherwise posted.

All visitors and vehicles must vacate the park by 9 PM unless an overnight pass has been issued by the Department of Public Works for the Town of Sterling.

Section 2. Parking
Parking at Sholan Park is restricted to the designated parking area only.

Only those vehicles displaying the appropriate Town of Sterling resident permit, a temporary guest or visitor pass, or emergency vehicles are authorized to park within this parking area. Unauthorized vehicles parked in the parking area or undesignated areas are subject to a fifty dollar ($50.00) fine and/or towing at the owners expense.

Owners and/or operators of vehicles parked in violation are subject to non-criminal dispositions (citations) pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Sec 21D, issued by the members of the Sterling Police Department. Payment for violations should be made to the Town Clerk for the Town of Sterling in person or by-mail within twenty one days of the alleged violation.

Section 3. Permits and Passes
Permits and passes issued by the Town of Sterling for the purposes described herein remain the property of the Town. Permits and passes are non-transferable. Holders of permits and passes must make available the assigned registration, license and/or the permit or pass upon request. Unauthorized use of permits and passes are subject to revocation.

A resident permit of appropriate design shall be issued upon proof of residency for a specific vehicle and must be affixed to said vehicle.

Beginning April 1st of each year a limited number of non-resident parking passes shall be issued for a one year term on a first come first serve basis. Non-resident parking passes shall be issued for a specific vehicle and must be displayed unobstructed and in full view on said vehicle dashboard. Non-residents will be charged a parking fee as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 4. Animals
Animals shall not be allowed on the beach and picnic areas of the part. Violators are subject to a twenty five dollar fine ($25.00) for each bylaw offense.

This section shall not apply to service animals, defined by ADA as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

This section shall be enforced by the Animal Control Division of the Town of Sterling.

Section 5. Safety
Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Sholan Park.

Residents and visitors must comply with all rules and regulations established for Sholan Park and designated swim areas.

Boaters must comply with the current Massachusetts boating regulations and local by-laws as posted.

These will be enforced by the Recreation Department staff and/or police department as required.

Section 6. Preservation
East Lake Waushacum is a sensitive natural resource and subject to the spread of invasive aquatic weeds and mussels as defined by the State's Department of Agricultural Resources.

Recipients of a resident permit, guest or visitor pass, and intending to use a boat, trailer and/or other equipment in the Lake are responsible to make sure it is free of invasive species before entering the park and water. Recipient also agrees as a condition of accepting a resident permit or pass, that said boat, trailer and/or equipment is subject to inspection for weeds and mussel species.

Any evidence of weeds, mussels or denying the inspection will be sufficient cause to deny access to the boat ramp and parking area.

The vehicle owner shall remove contaminated equipment from the Park.
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