Appeal / Hearing Process

Appeals or Hearing requests for a ticket must be done within 21 days from the date of the original violation in writing. Please be aware that you must choose between doing either a written appeal or appearing in person for a hearing. Appeals can be mailed to: P.O. Box 150 Rockport MA, 01966 or you can email them to: parkingclerk@rockportma.gov. Once a decision is made in either case it is final. Appeals after this 21-day period will be heard solely at the discretion of the hearing officer and may not be granted. Again, all appeals/requests must be made in writing; they may also be done online at: ROCKPORT.RMCPAY.COM.

Please note, emailed appeal responses will come from donotreply@rmcpay.com so please watch you inbox as well as spam/junk folder.

Obstructing traffic or parking on a crosswalk or sidewalk is a violation even if it is only partial.

The following do not constitute valid reasons for dismissing a ticket:

- You did not see the NO PARKING sign or RESIDENTS ONLY sign
- You did not know that parking was restricted in that area (such as a RESIDENTS ONLY parking zone)
- You were there only for a short time
- You have never been ticketed for this violation before
- There were no other places to park
- You think that the fine is too high and can't afford to pay it

- Starting 2020/2021 ALL STICKERS are to be placed on the FRONT Windshield of your vehicle. Resident Parking Stickers and Transfer Station Stickers must be displayed on the lower left corner of the vehicle's front windshield or the windshield adjacent to the rear view mirror on the driver's side in order for the sticker(s) to be valid. Additionally, the previous year's sticker(s) need to be removed prior to affixing the new sticker.

*please note this information was also sent out with new sticker(s).
TOWN OF ROCKPORT PARKING TICKET WRITTEN APPEAL or REQUEST FOR HEARING
If mailing please send to: Parking Clerk P.O. BOX 150 Rockport MA, 01966

☐ I hereby Request a Hearing in Person for violation number ______________________________, Received on _____________________ . (you will be contacted with the date and time of hearing)

☐ I hereby submit a Written Appeal for violation number ______________________________, Received on _____________________ .

NAME: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
CITY: _____________________________________________ STATE:_______________________________ Zip: ________________________
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _________________________________________ REGISTRATION #: ________________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

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REASON: Be as specific as possible. Provide all documentation. (photos, maps, credit card receipt if payment issue, etc.)
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Massachusetts General Law allows individuals to challenge the issuance of parking tickets. You may either submit an appeal in writing and receive a determination or you may request a formal hearing. The decision made for the written appeal as well as the hearing is final. You may not request a hearing after you have selected a written appeal.

SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________ DATE: ___________________________________________

• Use of this form is not required by law. A letter may be submitted instead as long as it includes ALL of the above information.
• Before mailing, please confirm that your ticket is within 21 DAYS of the issue date. Anything received after the 21 days is considered late and may be denied. Please include a copy of the violation.