

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

--NOTICE--

Dear Rockport Residents and Business Owners,

A new winter overnight parking ban regulation has been enacted by this Board. The new regulation will change our existing parking practices in three important ways:

- (1) when the winter overnight parking ban will be in effect;
- (2) how we notify the public that a winter overnight parking ban is in effect; and
- (3) a policy change that extends the parking kiosk season until January 2nd in certain downtown areas.

Previously, the winter overnight parking ban began on November 15th and would last until March 15th regardless of weather or road conditions. Beginning November 15, 2017, a winter parking ban will now be implemented based upon weather and road conditions as determined by the Police Chief and Director of Public Works. The public will be notified by 5:00 pm on the day(s) that the overnight parking ban will be in effect. As a reminder, when a winter ban is put into effect, all vehicles, unless they are parked for emergency situations, must be off all roads plowed by the Department of Public Works between the hours of 12:00 am (midnight) and 6:00 am.

The public will be notified through various methods including but not limited to:

- 1. CodeRED Notification System – if you are not registered, please sign up on the Town website www.rockportma.gov**
- 2. Strategically placed parking ban indicator lights**
- 3. Social Media -**

Facebook:

Rockport Police Department, Massachusetts (@RockportPolice)
Rockport, MA DPW (@rockportdpw)
Rockport Town Administrator (@RockportTA)

Twitter:

Rockport DPW (@RockportMADPW)
Rockport Town Administrator (@RockportTA)

- 4. Town website at www.rockportma.gov**
- 5. Dedicated informational phone recording accessible by calling 978-546-5000 x4SNOW (47669).**

Kiosks located in the areas of Back Beach, Front Beach, Main Street and School Street will remain operational between March 15th and January 2nd with the exception of Black Friday (November 24th this year), Small Business Saturday (November 25th this year), and the annual Tree Lighting (December 2nd this year). These three dates will have FREE parking in all locations. The kiosk parking charge season has been extended to help ensure the availability of parking spaces during daytime hours in the downtown business area.

Safe road conditions for our schools, residents, and businesses remain the utmost priority when determining when to enact a winter overnight parking ban. Please help make this new approach to winter parking a success by signing up for **Code Red** accessible on the left side of the homepage of the Town of Rockport website (address above).

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

The Board of Selectmen