

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Ordinance Committee
DATE: January 16, 2019
SUBJECT: Chapter 13 Traffic Regulations in Fort Williams Park

Introduction

At the October 10, 2018 meeting, the Town Council referred to the Ordinance Committee Chapter 13 Traffic Regulations to address pay and display parking regulations at Fort Williams Park.

Ordinance review

The Ordinance Committee reviewed Chapter 13, Sec. VI, Fort Williams Park Regulations at two meetings. The committee agreed that management of Fort Williams Park would be enhanced by generally authorizing the Town Council to manage parking and circulation in Fort Williams. Specific proposals, such as pay and display, would then be specifically implemented under management authority.

Recommendation

The proposed amendments are attached. At the January 9, 2019 meeting, the committee voted 3-0 to recommend the amendments to the Town Council.

CHAPTER 13
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Article VI. Fort Williams Park Regulations.

Sec. 13-6-1. Traffic and Parking. The following regulations shall apply at all times to traffic circulation and parking within Fort Williams Park:

a. Parking. ~~The Town Council shall promulgate rules for managing parking in Fort Williams Park. Those rules may include but are not limited to charging a fee for parking, establishing seasons of parking and other parking management rules.~~ No person shall stand or park a motor vehicle within Fort Williams Park except in a designated parking lot or marked parking space unless directed to a temporary parking area by an agent of the town. The town manager and his or her designee is authorized to designate and sign certain spaces as reserved. ~~for Portland Head Light volunteers and/or for municipal employees or lessees of the town.~~

b. Circulation. ~~The Town Council shall have authority to establish, enforce and monitor traffic circulation flow to promote safety and efficiency. Temporary changes to traffic circulation to manage high volumes or enhance safety may be done by the Fort Williams Park Manager or his/her designee.~~ The sole access to and egress from Fort Williams Park for vehicles shall be through the gate at Shore Road opposite Plaisted Park, ~~except as provided for in Sec 13-6-1e;~~

~~c. All gated roads shall be closed to access by motor vehicles, except as provided for in Sec. 13-6-1.e;~~

~~c. All gated roads shall be closed to motor vehicles, except for that~~for travel by municipal vehicles and equipment and/or any vehicle in connection with a special event may be allowed at other gate locations when the gated areas are so signed by an authorized agent of the town.

Sec. 13-6-2. Speed Limit. No vehicle shall travel at speeds in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour within Fort Williams Park or through any of its entrances or exits.