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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

19 Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown will conduct a  
20 public hearing on May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, Council Chambers,  
21 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown RI 02813. At the public hearing, the following proposed  
22 amendments to the Code of Ordinances will be considered. Opportunity shall be given to all  
23 persons interested to be heard upon the matter of the proposed ordinance. The following proposed  
24 amendments may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the closing of the public hearing  
25 without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the  
26 public hearing. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office between  
27 the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or at  
28 charlestownri.gov prior to said hearing.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 418**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 158 – PARKS, BEACHES, AND**  
**RECREATION AREAS**

**Section 1.** The Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby ordains that Chapter 158 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Charlestown is amended as follows:

See Exhibit A for a full version of the proposed amendments.

Note: Words set as ~~strikeover~~ are to be **deleted** from the ordinance; words set in underline are to be **added** to the ordinance.

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to the Town of Charlestown's Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Attested To By:

Passed By Town Council On:

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Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

**To be advertised in the Westerly Sun, in full: May 17, 2024**

1 Exhibit A

2 **Article I - Beaches and Dunes**

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4 **§ 158-1 Motor vehicles restricted.**

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6 A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motor-propelled vehicle upon any beach, except  
7 on traditional accessways from Memorial Day to Labor Day;

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9 1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motor-propelled vehicle upon  
10 Quonochontaug Beach, except on traditional accessways, from the first day of May  
11 each year to the Saturday after Labor Day.

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13 B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle on sand dunes  
14 adjacent to beaches within the Town at any time, except on traditional accessways.

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16 C. The operation of motor vehicles on barrier beaches is permitted in compliance with state  
17 regulations.

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19 D. The operation of motorcycles, minibikes, snowmobiles, all-terrain motorized cycles, and  
20 tricycles is prohibited at any time on all beaches and sand dunes adjacent to same within  
21 the Town.

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23 E. These prohibitions; provided, however, that this Article shall not apply to police, or other  
24 emergency vehicles and vehicles used solely for the purpose of sanitation, conservation  
25 or construction in such mentioned areas, or other authorized management-related vehicles  
26 as regulated and allowed by state law. ~~or town-approved conservation or sanitation~~  
27 vehicles.

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29 **§ 158-2 Prosecution and penalties for offenses.**

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31 A. Violators shall be prosecuted by the Chief of Police of the Town of Charlestown or  
32 his/her designee by issuance of a summons in the Municipal Court.

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34 B. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof,  
35 be punished, for each violation, by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.) or  
36 by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days. The continuation of a violation of any  
37 provision of this Article shall constitute, for each day the violation is continued, a separate  
38 and distinct violation hereunder.