

Ordinance IX: Abandoned Vehicles & Property

IX. THE REMOVAL, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, BOATS AND WATERCRAFT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ABANDONED WITHIN THE BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, owner or custodian to abandon boats, watercraft, vehicles, personal or other property upon any street, way or road or upon any land owned by the Bonnet Shores Land Trust or Bonnet Shores Fire District, including, but not limited to, Little Beach, Kelly Beach, the Bonnet Battery, Haughey Field, Community Center, and Camden Landing.

A. Vehicles - The Narragansett Police Department shall be contacted regarding any abandoned vehicle. The vehicle will be removed at the owner's expense in accordance with the Narragansett Town ordinances on abandoned property.

B. Boats and Watercraft - Upon determination of the Harbormaster, custody and control of an abandoned boat or watercraft will be taken. The Harbormaster or his designate shall immediately notify the Narragansett Police Department. Removal, storage, and retrieval will be solely at the owner's risk and expense. Any such action by the Harbormaster shall incur an additional administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50) payable to the Bonnet Shores Fire District. Proof of ownership satisfactory to the Harbormaster or his designate shall be required prior to release of property. Reasonable efforts will be made to identify and/or locate the owner. Such efforts may include posting on the Bonnet Shores Fire District website. Abandoned items will be stored for 30 days after notification. After such period of time, the property may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of at the sole discretion of the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council.

C. Abandoned Personal Property Any personal property taken into the possession of the Bonnet Shores Fire District shall be held in storage for twenty-one (21) days under the control of the District Manager. Storage is at the owner's risk. Items not retrieved within seven days will incur a storage fee of five (\$5) per day on days eight through twenty-one, as applicable. The Bonnet Shores Fire District Manager may notify the Narragansett Police Department of possession of such property. and shall make reasonable efforts to identify and/or locate the owner(s) of such property. The Bonnet Shores Fire District may post a notice on the Bonnet Shores Fire District website and at its sole discretion, make a public notification at the owner's expense. The retrieval of personal property shall include proof of ownership or an accurate description satisfactory to the Bonnet Shores Fire District. .

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