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COLUMBIA BEACH

RESIDENT BOAT LAUNCH BADGE AND PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION

RESIDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Home or Cell (circle one)

Email: _____

Please attach proof of residence

PARKING PERMIT INFORMATION

Make of Vehicle: _____

Model of Vehicle: _____

Color of Vehicle: _____

License Plate No: _____

WATERCRAFT PERMIT AND BADGE INFORMATION

Type Of Watercraft: _____

Trailer or transport vehicle license number: _____

Boat registration number: _____

(If applicable attach a copy of any required licenses or permits needed to operate watercraft)

WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION

I hereby release the Township of Knowlton, its employees, agents and officials from any liability or for any damage to, loss or theft of my boat and any supplies or equipment associated therewith. I further waive and release the Township, its agents and officials for any injury that I may suffer or sustain during my use of this Township property and I hereby agree to indemnify the Township of Knowlton with respect to any claim, loss, cost, liability, expense or damage which may result for any reason or for any claim made or suit instituted against it related to or arising out of the use of my boat, watercraft or its use or operation.

I understand that the privilege to use this facility may be suspended or revoked for cause. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations that govern this facility.

All the information furnished on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Cash or check made payable to: Township of Knowlton

Watercraft Permit/Badge (per watercraft) **\$20.00**

Parking Permit # _____ Issued: _____ Expiration: _____

Badge# _____ Issued: _____ Expiration: _____

Watercraft, also known as water vessels or waterborne vessels, are vehicles used in water, including boats, ships, hovercraft, and submarines. **Watercraft** usually have a propulsive capability (whether by sail, oar, paddle, or engine) and hence are distinct from a simple device that merely floats.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF COLUMBIA BEACH BOAT RAMP FACILITY

1. All users must comply with all State of New Jersey laws governing the facility and relevant boating/watercraft use laws and regulations.
2. The boat ramp facility is open daily until sunset.
3. An annual watercraft permit must be purchased to use the boat ramp facility.
4. The Annual Permit runs from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.
5. Permits will not be pro-rated.
6. Parking permits must be displayed in a visible location IE: on the dash of the vehicle used to tow the trailer.
7. The operator of the permitted boat or watercraft must also have in his/her possession the watercraft badge when in use.
8. All owners will be held fully responsible for any damage caused to property, private or public, by their boats and vehicles.
9. All discarded trash, litter, bottles, fishing materials, paper and boxes shall be placed in the correct trash receptacles located at the facility.

The Township of Knowlton reserves the right to revoke or suspend without compensation any permit issued by it as a result of failure to obey with any of the above laws or for other cause.

TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON
CODE REGARDING USE OF COLUMBIA BEACH

WHEREAS, Columbia Beach, located at Block 19, Lot 4 in the Township of Knowlton (the "Township"), is designated as a municipal beach and contains a boat launch owned and maintained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Beach is located in the Village Residential (VR) Zone; and

WHEREAS, Section 69-3 of the Township Code permits the issuance of permits to use the boat launch to residents and owners of local campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, commercial activities (such as the use of the boat launch by the campgrounds) are not a permitted use in the VR Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of Knowlton as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 69-3 of the Code of the Township of Knowlton (the "Code"), entitled "Permit required for certain activities; fees," shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

A. The Township of Knowlton hereby declares its beach open to the public for the purposes of recreational use, fishing and picnicking, subject to the following regulations, as promulgated in this Chapter and specifically set forth herein:

(1) Resident Parking Permits for Watercraft Launching at Columbia Beach.

- (a) Resident Parking Permits and watercraft badges for Columbia Street. Only residents, owners of local campgrounds and public entities shall be eligible to receive parking permits and badges to use Columbia beach for the purposes of watercraft launching. Any and all persons utilizing the Columbia Beach for this purpose may obtain a current, valid Township issued watercraft launch badge and parking permit for Columbia Street from the Municipal Clerk**
- (b) Upon issuance of a parking permit to a resident for Columbia Street pursuant to Ordinance Section 174.14.1, the Municipal Clerk shall, upon request by such resident, also issue a badge(s) for watercraft launching purposes. Parking permits must be affixed to a resident's dashboard and visible while**

parked on Columbia Street. Additionally, Township issued watercraft launch badges must be worn or kept on the resident's person at all times while engaging in watercraft activities at Columbia Beach.

- (c) Pursuant to Ordinance Section 174.14.1 there shall not be a fee for a resident parking permit for Columbia Street. However, residents requiring a badge for the purposes of watercraft launching shall provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$20.00 and shall fill out an application that includes the following information:***

- [1] The resident's name, address and phone number in Knowlton Township; and***
- [2] The license plate number of the vehicle to be used for watercraft launching; and***
- [3] A description of the type of each watercraft to be launched;***
- [4] A copy of any required licenses or permits needed to operate each watercraft; and***
- [5] A hold harmless agreement in a form to be provided by the Township.***

(2) Permits for Users of Local Campgrounds.

- (a) Owners of licensed campgrounds located in Knowlton Township may obtain up to three (3) annual Columbia Street parking permits for each passenger van/vehicle used to transport camp visitors to and from Columbia Beach. Each permit will require a non-refundable payment of \$500.00.***

- (b) Each transport vehicle issued a parking permit may also obtain up to ten (10) watercraft launch badges per vehicle permit at a cost of \$20.00 per watercraft launch badge. Watercraft launch badges must be used solely by camp patrons transported to and from Columbia Beach for watercraft launching activities subject to the following conditions:***

- [1] Any parking permits issued to a campground transport vehicle must remain affixed to the dashboard of that vehicle and visible at all times. Watercraft launch badges may be temporarily issued by the campground owners to its patrons and used by the patron only while engaging in watercraft activities at Columbia Beach via transport by a***

permitted vehicle. Watercraft launch badges will allow the patron access to the beach for the purpose of watercraft launching and must be affixed to and/or maintained by the patron at all times during watercraft use.

[2] Prior to the issuance of any permit[s] and badges, the campground shall enter into an agreement (in a form drafted by the Township) with the Township, which among other things, may establish certain maintenance responsibilities, insurance obligations and hold harmless obligations in favor of the Township for any and all injuries and damages caused as a result of the use of the watercraft launch by the Campground and its patrons.

[3] The Township reserves the right to limit the amount of times per day a transport vehicle may visit Columbia Beach for the purpose of daily patron watercraft launches.

[4] Each patron of a campground shall be required by the campground to abide by all applicable laws and regulations during watercraft activities and must sign a waiver of liability absolving the Township of any liability for death, injuries, or property damage incurred while participating in the commercial operation. Copies of the waiver forms must approved by the Township and be submitted to the Township monthly basis or upon request.

(c) Permits and badges shall be valid for one year starting January 1 of the year in which the permit was purchased. Fees for lost badges in need of replacement will be \$20.00 per badge.

3. Permits for New Jersey First Responders.

All New Jersey First Responders will be entitled to utilize the boat launch area and will not be required to pay a fee in connection with same.

B. Fishing and picnicking. *The public shall be permitted to use Township beaches for fishing and/or picnicking.*

SECTION 2. Section 69-4 the Code of the Township of Knowlton (the "Code"), entitled "Additional Rules and Regulations" shall be amended as follows (Additions indicated in boldface and italics *thus*; deletions indicated with strike-through ~~thus~~):

§ 69-4. Additional rules and regulations.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons utilizing the beaches, whether by permit or without, to commit any of the following offenses:

A. There shall be no parking or standing on the boat ramps except in the course of actual launching or retrieving of watercraft from the Delaware River. No motor vehicle, except emergency vehicles being operated in the course of emergency operations or a Knowlton Township vehicle, shall be permitted past the gates onto the beaches without either a resident sticker or a campground dashboard identification sticker.

[Amended 3-27-1999 by Ord. No. 99-1]

B. No alcoholic beverages whatsoever shall be permitted at any time upon the municipal beaches of the Township of Knowlton.

C. All persons utilizing the beach area shall be required to contain any and all waste material created or brought with them by using containers provided at the beach areas, if any; or shall carry off any and all waste material with them to be disposed of properly elsewhere.

D. The beaches shall be deemed closed at 9:00 p.m. each and every evening to all persons, with the exception of those persons engaged in the activity of fishing. No one shall remain upon the beach or beach areas unless actively engaged in the sport of fishing.

E. It shall be prohibited for any person or persons to play loud music or behave in a boisterous or disturbing manner while utilizing said beach. All such conduct shall be prohibited and shall be subject to the penalties described within this chapter herein.

F. Open fires upon the municipal beaches of the Township of Knowlton are prohibited at all times.

G. Swimming is strictly prohibited. Persons engaged in swimming on the municipal beaches shall be deemed trespassers upon said beaches and shall be subject to the penalties described within this chapter herein.

H. A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle, dirt bike, trail bike, or "off-road" motor vehicle or motorcycle, scooter or moped on or over the municipal beaches of the Township of Knowlton.

SECTION 3. Section 11-301 of the Code of the Township of Knowlton (the "Code"), entitled "Permitted principal uses," regarding the Village Residential (VR) Zone shall be amended as follows (Additions indicated in boldface and italics ***thus***; deletions indicated with strike-through ~~thus~~):

Permitted principal uses in the VR Zone shall be as follows:

A. Single-family detached dwellings.

B. Agricultural uses and farms as provided in Article 50, Right to Farm, and supplemental regulations in this Article.

C. Parks, playgrounds, firehouses, libraries and municipal buildings.

D. Community residences for the developmentally disabled.

E. Community shelters for victims of domestic violence.

F. *Commercial use of beach and watercraft facilities with proper Township-issued permits.*

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Introduction Date: May 10, 2021

Motion

Second

Roll Call