



*City of New Bedford*  
IN COMMITTEE

June 13, 2019

The Honorable City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on City Property at a Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mary Rapoza, to City Property Committee, submitting an Information Sheet relative to Park Use Fees (Ref'd 2/12/18) (5/14/18-tabled; ask Mary Rapoza to provide a breakdown of revenue generated on fees charged by the Park) (5/23/18-letter sent to Mary Rapoza requesting information) (6/19/18-tabled 14 days seeking a response from Mary Rapoza on the hiring of retired Police Officers to walk the beat at the beaches to curb the use of alcoholic beverages.) (12/13/18-tabled)

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on a COMMUNICATION, Mary Rapoza, to City Property Committee, submitting an Information Sheet relative to Park Use Fees. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

*Naomi R. A. Carney*  
Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

NRAC: dmb



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



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## Park Use Fees Information Sheet

### Park Use Fees

Effective Jan. 1, 2017

Park per area*	Resident (personal)	Non-Resident (personal)	Not for Profit	For Profit
Fort Taber Park 4 park areas avail.	\$60/hr	\$90/hr	\$90/hr	\$120/hr
Brooklawn Park 1 park area avail.	\$50/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr	\$120/hr
Buttonwood Park 4 park areas avail.	\$50/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr	\$120/hr
All other Per park area	\$50/hr	\$80/hr	\$80/hr	\$120/hr

*There is a two hour minimum for park use permitting. Rate does not include additional set-up and breakdown time and costs. You must pay for all time that you will be using the area. Please contact the Parks, Recreation, & Beaches office with any questions, requests, or special adjustments on a case by case basis.*

### Phase in Fees

- Resident & NOT for Profit Events
  - Events in 2017 20% of total fee
  - Events in 2018 20% of total fee
  - Events in 2019 TBD by Park Board
- Non Resident & For Profit Events
  - Events in 2017 100%

### Event Types

- Resident & Non Resident Events w/Special Permits
  - Personal Use
  - Weddings
  - Family Reunions
- Not for Profit vs For Profit Event
  - Event charging for admission?
  - Where is the money going?
  - 501 c3 organization
- *Park Fee would stop any other competing event in the same park on the same day*
- ***Free, public events that partner with the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches will not be charged for park use.***