

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: User Fees at State Beaches, Parks, and Recreational Areas (250-RICR-100-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-100-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/12/2021

Hearing Date: 04/26/2021

End of Public Comment: 05/12/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

42-17.1-9.1

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this regulation is to provide a schedule of fees for State Beaches, Campgrounds, Parks and other facilities at Recreational Areas under the control and management of the Department of Environmental Management. The purpose of this amendment is to update the schedule of fees for State campgrounds, parks and other facilities at recreational areas under the control and management of the Department of Environmental Management. A summary of non-technical changes between the previous version of the regulation adopted by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and the proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Section 3.6 amended to increase parking fees only at Misquamicut State Beach

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 12, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Department of Environmental Management
Division of Parks and Recreation
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on April 26, 2021 at 10:00 am at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81184546828?pwd=SFNNVIFQRjcyUkxZTF, 811 8454 6828 /](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81184546828?pwd=SFNNVIFQRjcyUkxZTF,81184546828) Passcode: 735068, (301) 715-8592, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1928 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Department has determined that small businesses will not be adversely impacted by the proposed regulations referenced above. However, the public hearing is being conducted to solicit comment on the proposals and to allow public input from small businesses or any cities or towns, which may believe that that may be adversely affected. For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.

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