

TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RI
2026-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 148, USE AND PROTECTION OF PUBLIC WATERS
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

The Town Council of the Town of Barrington hereby ordains Chapter 148, Use and Protection of Public Waters, is hereby amended as follows:

Article IV – Mooring Regulation

Revise as follows:

§ 148-15. Assignment of mooring space.

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- B. Any temporary assignment to a mooring space, ~~under the provisions of § 148-19A(4) or (5)~~, of a duration anticipated to be ~~four~~ two weeks or longer will require the temporary assignee be issued a temporary occupancy permit and appropriate sticker. The fee to be charged for this permit is listed pursuant to Chapter A225 of the ordinances of the Town of Barrington.

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§ 148-19. Forfeiture of space.

- A. Any mooring space assignee shall be deemed to have forfeited their assigned mooring space by reason of the following:


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- (4) ~~If the mooring occupied is in a mooring field that has a waiting list as of April 1 of that season, then any failure to~~ All mooring fields must have the registered vessel occupy the mooring space for a minimum of 30 days during a season. However, if any mooring space assignee wishes to retain the assigned mooring space even though they cannot use it, they shall request permission of the HM on or before March 15 of the season in question, stating, in writing, the time span of the proposed nonuse and the reason(s) therefor. If such reason(s) is/are acceptable to the HM, they may offer to the mooring space assignee a year of grace and then offer that mooring space, for that season only, to an applicant from the appropriate waiting list who owns a vessel of appropriate size and type. This mooring space shall again be made available to the mooring space assignee for the following season, if they still meet the requirements of these rules

and regulations; otherwise, the mooring space will be reassigned by the HM. An award of a year of grace shall be limited to a maximum of once every five years unless granted a year of grace under special circumstances by an appeal to the Harbor Commission. Those not allowed to take a year of grace under these stated conditions shall give up their mooring assignment and shall qualify to apply for a place on the waiting list.

(5) In the event a mooring is not being used by the assignee, the assignee must notify the Harbormaster of any proposed nonuse for a duration of two weeks or more. If the mooring occupied is in a mooring field that has a waiting list as of April 1 of that season, then any failure to notify the HM of any proposed nonuse for a duration of two weeks or more. When so advised, the HM may assign a person(s) from the appropriate waiting list to this space. If an appropriate person(s) from the appropriate waiting list is not available, the mooring space assignee may assign their space as desired, with the approval of the HM and the payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to Chapter A225 of the ordinances of the Town of Barrington.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.



Town Council Member

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