



Town of Belmont

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2023 Belmont Off-Leash Program

COST

\$50. (Belmont Residents)
\$40. Each additional dog
(No more than four dogs per address)
\$70. Non-Resident

Permits are issued annually and are valid January 1st – December 31st and are NON-REFUNDABLE.

NOTE: All prices are subject to change.

All permit holders must show proof of a valid Dog License issued from city/town of residence.

All permit holder must attend an Off-leash Program orientation.

Off-Leash Permits are valid ONLY for the following locations:

- 📍 Town Field, 250 Beech Street
- 📍 Grove Street Field, 125 Grove Street
- 📍 Winn Brook Field, 179 Cross Street (Winn Brook School)
- 📍 Pequossette (PQ) Field, 100 Maple Street

Off-Leash Permit Regulations:

Field Hours: Dawn until Sunset

Dogs must wear identifying tags and owners have permit in possession at all times.

Field use is prohibited when school is in session (Winn Brook School).

No dogs allowed in or within 50 feet from playground areas.

No dogs on Courts.

Off-Leash use is **SUSPENDED*** when:

- 📍 A permitted group is using the field (social/sports events)
- 📍 DPW/Field Contractors are on the field
- 📍 Fields are saturated with water

Dogs must be leashed when outside of the off-leash areas.

No Excessive Barking.

No Digging.

Owners must have one leash per dog (no more than two dogs/handler) visiting the field. Leashes must be ready to remove a dog from off-leash area quickly if necessary. Leashes must not exceed 6 feet in length.

Owners must maintain effective verbal control of off-leash dog(s).

Owners are responsible for picking up dog waste, supplying of waste bags and proper disposal of dog waste bags.

***SUSPENDED**=Dogs must be leashed



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Enforcement

§ 60-200. Pets and other animals.

C No person who owns, keeps or controls a dog shall allow the dog to run free when not restricted to the premises of said person, except as permitted by the Board of Health. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such dogs shall be leashed and curbed when off such premises.

D Removal of feces.

Each person who owns, keeps or controls a dog within the Town shall remove and dispose of any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area or on any private property that is not owned or lawfully occupied by such person.

(1) Each person who owns, keeps or controls a dog within the Town shall remove and dispose of any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area or on any private property that is not owned or lawfully occupied by such person.

(2) No person who owns, keeps or controls a dog within the Town shall permit such dog to be on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area unless such dog is accompanied by a person carrying a device that is suitable for picking up and containing feces, unexposed to such person and to the general public

(3) For purposes of this subsection, feces may be disposed of only at a place suitable and regularly reserved for the disposal of human feces or otherwise designated as appropriate by the Board of Health.

(4) Subsection D(1), (2) and (3) of this subsection shall not apply to a dog accompanying any person who, by reason of a handicap, is physically unable to comply with their requirements.

I. Except as the Board of Health may otherwise permit, no dogs, except those dogs that serve as service animals as defined by regulations issued pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 CFR 35.104, will be allowed in the following areas of the Town: all cemetery land, all public school playgrounds and athletic fields and all Recreation Department playgrounds and athletic fields. Nor may any dog be allowed inside food establishments, retail businesses or public buildings.

J. Violations of this section shall be disposed of, in the discretion of the Board of Health, either in the manner provided in § 40-220E

Or, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 140, § 173A. For all violations of this section other than violations of the licensing subsections, a noncriminal citation will be issued on the following schedule: first offense, \$50; second offense, \$100; third offense, \$300; Fourth and each succeeding offense, \$500. Any violation of the licensing subsections shall result in a fine of \$50 per such violation and, for violations continuing 30 days past licensing deadlines, an additional fine of \$100 per such violation. The fines specified in this subsection shall be in lieu of the schedule of fines specified in MGL c. 140, § 173A

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2023 Belmont Off-Leash Program Risk and Release of Liability

Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to designated Belmont Off-Leash Program rules are conditions of participating in the Town of Belmont Off-Leash Program approval, retention and renewal. Permits may be revoked for non-compliance.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), designated Off-Leash Fields operated by the Town of Belmont. I understand that unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present at an Off-Leash Field involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other people, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior and lack of training.

I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of the Town of Belmont to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present on the Off-Leash Fields are licensed and vaccinated for rabies as required by Massachusetts Law and could result in injury to a human or dog.

It is my understanding that the use of Belmont's Off-Leash Fields is self-directed and not directly supervised by an agent or employee of the Town of Belmont.

By signing this release, I agree to indemnify and save harmless the Town of Belmont, its agents, officers and employees and assigns from and against all loss, costs, damages, expense and liability resulting from my use of the designated Off-Leash Fields, including death, sickness, injury, and disease to any person or dog, destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly from my use of the designated Off-Leash Fields.

By submitting this application and associated required valid City/Town Dog license, I hereby acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I realize that falsification of information may result in revocation of my Off-Leash Permit and field use privileges.

I have carefully read Belmont's Off-Leash Program Rules and Regulations (as provided as part of this registration packet) and agree to abide by them. I realize that non-compliance of the Off-Leash Programs Rules and Regulation may result in Non-Criminal Citations and/or Revocation of Off-Leash Permit.

I have carefully read this release of liability, and understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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DATE: _____

Applicant Information:

OWNER(S) NAME: _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PET'S NAME: _____ LICENSE # _____ PERMIT # ISSUED _____

BREED: _____ COLOR: _____ Sex: _____

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Agreement of Off-Leash Permit Regulations:

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