



Town of Newbury
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Parking Appeal FAQ's

Listed below is a sampling of Parking Violation explanations and whether they may qualify for abatement.

1. You did not see the No Parking sign or Resident Parking by Permit Only sign

Driver's License holders are responsible for looking for, and abiding by parking signs and/or pavement markings. Saying that you didn't know or did not see a posted sign or pavement marking limiting parking is not grounds for an appeal.

2. You did not know that Parking was Restricted in that Area

You are accountable for looking for, and abiding by state and local signage. Saying that you didn't know that parking was restricted or limited is not grounds for an appeal.

3. Short Errands, Pick-ups/Drop-offs, or a Quick Peek at the Beach

No matter how short or important to the driver (other than a critical medical emergency), none of these are an acceptable excuse for unlawful parking.

4. You have never been Ticketed for this Violation Before or I've Always Parked in this Area

Conditions or bylaws are subject to change; driver's License holders are responsible for looking for, and abiding by state and local bylaws and signage. Stating that you have always parked there, didn't realize there was a change or never been caught parking there before is no grounds for an appeal.

5. No Other Place to Park

It is the driver's responsibility to locate lawful parking. Please do plan ahead, as during busy times it may be difficult to find parking in the vicinity of your destination and may require you to park a further distance away.

6. Plenty of Open Parking Spaces OR Thought it was Okay to Park at Night or Early Morning

Unless indicated otherwise, there are no exceptions to a Restricted Parking area, regardless of whether there are open parking spaces, or the time of day/year.

7. First Offense or Honest Mistake

A first time offense or stating that it was just an honest mistake is not considered grounds for the parking violation or the dismissal of a ticket.

8. You think that the Fine is too High or You Can't Afford to Pay the Fine

Newbury's Bylaw determines the Parking Violation fees, which is set at \$50.00 for each parking violation. You may think that the fine is too high or you can't afford to pay it. However, the fact remains that you were in violation and is not grounds for an appeal.

9. You thought you were more than 10-feet of hydrant

Unless you are absolutely certain that you are 10 feet away from a Fire Hydrant, don't park there. In the event of an emergency, Public Safety may need to access fire hydrants.

10. You Were only Partially Obstructing Traffic/Driveway, or Partially Parked on a Crosswalk/Sidewalk

A partial violation is a complete violation.

You are always entitled to the appeal process and may submit your explanation, photos and whether there were special circumstances for consideration. Written Appeals or Hearing Requests must be received within 21 days from the issue date of the original violation; Parking Violation Appeal Forms are available at https://www.townofnewbury.org/sites/newburyma/files/uploads/parking_appeal_form_10.5.16.pdf or to request an in-person hearing you may send a letter or email to the address listed above. Hearing dates are set by the Parking Clerk and the violator is notified of their hearing date/time/location. Decisions are final. Appeals after this 21-day period will be heard solely at the discretion of the Parking Clerk and may not be granted.