

**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
Narrated Tour Route Bus**

**SECTION 1. PERMITS**

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall engage in the business of transporting persons for hire without first having obtained a permit from the Town Manager authorizing him to engage in such business and designating the number of such vehicles that may be used, the hours of operation, and the specific routes authorized to be traveled under such permit. Permits issued by the Town Manager under this regulation shall expire on December 31 annually unless further restricted.

**SECTION 2. NEED AND CONVENIENCE**

The Town Manager may grant a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit to suitable persons who have demonstrated experience and expertise in the care and handling of transport vehicles if he believes the public good is best served by granting such a permit.

**SECTION 3. APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Narrated Tour Route Bus Permits shall be in writing and submitted by the owner thereof. Such application shall set forth under oath all information that the Town Manager may require.

**SECTION 4. CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

When a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit holder changes his address or the address at which the vehicles owned by him are kept, he shall notify the Town Manager in writing within three (3) days of such change.

**SECTION 5. PERMIT TO BE ACCESSIBLE**

No person shall operate a Narrated Tour Route Bus without a valid Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit and Taxi Operator's License on his person or in some easily accessible place within the vehicle.

**SECTION 6. RATES TO BE POSTED**

It shall be the duty of the operator of a Narrated Tour Route Bus to post the current rates for passengers in a conspicuous place within the vehicle so that they may be in clear view and easily read by all passengers.

**SECTION 7. PERMIT FEE**

The fee for a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) annually per bus.

**SECTION 8. INSURANCE**

No Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit shall be valid until a Certificate of an insurance company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth, stating that the vehicle to which the permit applies is properly insured under the Laws of the Commonwealth, in an amount satisfactory to the Town Manager, has been submitted to the Town Manager. Such certificate shall state the name and address of the owner of the vehicle, the name of the company to which the permit is issued, the amount and character of the insurance, and a statement that the insurance policy is applicable to passengers lawfully riding in the bus, others traveling on the way and owners of property on or near the way and said policy shall state that it cannot be revoked or amended without ten (10) days written notice to the Town Manager.

**SECTION 9. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION**

The Town Manager may suspend, revoke or modify a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit at any time if in his opinion any section of these rules and regulations has been violated, or if in his opinion any such regulation or bylaw of the Town of Barnstable or any Massachusetts General Law has been violated by the holder of a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit. A permit holder shall be notified in writing of any suspensions, revocation or modification stating the specific reason or reasons for the suspension, revocation or modification.

**SECTION 10. TRANSFER OR SALE OF PERMIT PROHIBITED**

No Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit shall be sold, assigned or transferred. Any sale, assignment or transfer of said permit shall automatically terminate said permit.

**SECTION 11. UNFIT NARRATED TOUR ROUTE BUS**

The Town Manager shall refuse a Narrated Tour Route Bus Permit, or if already issued, revoke or suspend said permit for any Narrated Tour Route Bus found to be unfit, unsafe or unsuited for the purposes herein set forth.

**SECTION 12. ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITED**

No advertisements or announcements of any description, other than the name, address and telephone number of the permit holder, shall appear on a Narrated Tour Route Bus operated for hire in the Town. This section does not prohibit the posting of rates as required in Section 6 of these rules and regulations.

**SECTION 13. NARRATED TOUR ROUTE BUS OPERATOR**

All Narrated Tour Route Bus operators shall be required to hold a valid Town of Barnstable Taxicab Operator's License issued by the Barnstable Police Department and shall be subject to the requirements of Article III of the Town of Barnstable Taxicab Rules and Regulations (copy attached).

**SECTION 14. IMPROPER OPERATION OR EQUIPMENT**

No person operating a Narrated Tour Route Bus shall have or permit to be on or in such Narrated Tour Route Bus or on or about his person anything which may interfere with the proper operation of such Narrated Tour Route Bus, nor shall any Narrated Tour Route Bus be operated if it is unsafe or improperly equipped. At no time shall any Narrated Tour Route Bus be operated when the passengers therein are in excess of its safe seating capacity.

**SECTION 15. SOLICITING PASSENGERS**

No Narrated Tour Route Bus operator shall by means of signal or outcry solicit passengers or business.

**SECTION 16. RESERVED**

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENTS**

All licenses and permits required by these rules and regulations shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Town Manager of the Town of Barnstable shall from time to time prescribe.

**SECTION 18. CONVICTION OF VIOLATION**

Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of these rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each offense and subject to suspension or revocation of their permit in accordance with these rules and regulations.

**SECTION 19. STANDING OF NARRATED TOUR ROUTE BUS**

No operator of a Narrated Tour Route Bus shall stand such Narrated Tour Route Bus in a designated motor vehicle parking space at any time. Standing of a Narrated Tour Route Bus in a prohibited motor vehicle area, such as a no parking zone, yellow zone, taxi stand, bus stops, but excluding pedestrian walk area, is permitted provided such Narrated Tour Route Bus is attended by the operator.

**SECTION 20. RESERVED**

**SECTION 21.        NOISE**

No bells, gongs or other sound producing devices shall be used on a Narrated Tour Route Bus except that any narration may be through an electronic amplification system designed to minimize the audible level of the narration beyond the interior of the bus.

**SECTION 22.        AUTHORITY**

These rules and regulations are adopted under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22.