Sec. 10-52. Use of public landings.

(a) *General use.* All public landings, along with the ramps and floats attached thereto, shall be used primarily for the landing of people from vessels, the docking of vessels while people are alighting or boarding, and by persons tying their vessel thereto while making purchases ashore. Public landings shall also provide public access for passive recreational activities. Where public landings have no floats, vessels may be pulled up on shore for the purposes set forth in this subsection. Parking areas at public landings shall be for the exclusive use of landing users unless otherwise designated by the waterways board.

(b) *Tie-up period.* No owner nor anyone else in charge of or operating a vessel of any description, shall use the head of any float moored or attached to any public landing for any greater period of time than ordinarily and reasonable required to load or unload the passengers or occupants of any such vessel, together with whatever merchandise might accompany or be in the possession of the persons or passengers alighting therefrom. In no case shall any vessel be tied to the head of a public landing float for more than 30 minutes except by permission of the harbormaster. However, dinghies, tenders and other auxiliary vessels less than 12 feet in length, used by mooring holders or transient boaters, may be tied up at the sides of undedicated floats at public landings for up to four hours while the owners thereof are purchasing goods and services. No such auxiliary vessel shall block the head of a float or interfere with permitted activities. The harbormaster may permit the seasonal tie-up of dinghies, tenders or other auxiliary vessels less than 12 feet in length at portions of any public landing so designated by the waterways board, provided that the fee set forth in subsection (h) of this section has been paid. Such permitted vessel shall be marked by an official sticker on their transoms.

(c) *Kayak and paddle board storage.* The harbormaster may permit the seasonal storage of kayaks and paddle boards of appropriate size to be stored in racks provided by the waterway board at portions of any public landing so designated by the waterways board, provided that the fee set forth below has been paid. Such permitted vessels shall be marked by an official sticker on the aft. top portion of the kayak or paddle board.

(d) *Conducting business or soliciting.* It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct any business, including vending on or from a public landing. The sale of tickets or the solicitation of passengers in any other manner for boat or fishing trips from any public landing is prohibited. However, any person operating a harbor sail, ferry, excursion vessel, vessel livery or party fishing vessel but maintaining a wharf headquarters or principal place of business elsewhere, may use a public landing as a port-of-call and may discharge or take-on passengers. The vessels engaged in such ventures shall not lie at any float at a public landing longer than shall be ordinarily and reasonable necessary for their occupants, passengers or customers to board or alight therefrom, and shall not block or otherwise interfere with other permitted activities.

(e) *Other prohibited activities.* No person shall clean fish, or leave ropes, lobster pots, barrels, rocks, bricks, boards or any other material on any public landing, or launching ramps, floats or piers thereof, for longer than is reasonable necessary in the act of loading or unloading the same onto or from vessels, unless authorized by the harbormaster. No person shall load or unload lobster pots, bait, or other gear on or from any public landing, or floats, wharfs or piers thereof, except those designated by the waterways board. No vessels, vehicles or trailers may be stored on any public landing.

(f) *Encroachment.* No person shall encroach upon a public landing in any way.

(g) *Restrictions on hours.* Stone pier and long wharf shall be closed to prohibit all activities between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Any use of this area between the prohibited hours shall constitute trespassing, a violation of section 14-6. Any person who violates said ordinance shall be subject to arrest under section 14-6 and/or fined pursuant to section 1-14. The city will use reasonable and practicable means to inform the public of such curfew. Further, this section is not intended to conflict with or supersede the authority of the conservation commission or any rules enacted by them under their M.G.L. c. 40, § 8C, powers.

(h) *Fees.* The annual fee for the seasonal tie-up of dinghies, tenders or other auxiliary vessels, less than 12 feet in length, and storage of kayaks and paddle boards at designated areas of public landings shall be $100.00.

(Ord. No. 17-1993, 12-14-1993; Ord. No. 16-1996, § J, 5-28-1996; Ord. No. 6-1999, § I, 6-22-1999; Ord. No. 2017-223, 11-28-2017; Ord. No. 2018-026, 2-27-2018; Ord. No. 2019-059, 4-9-2019)