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**Fwd: Follow-up to 5.14 visit to downtown Bolinas by SF Chronicle reporter**

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Last Wednesday Bruce Bowser and I walked the downtown streets with Sam Whiting, a staff reporter from the SF Chronicle. He had asked to speak with residents rather than county or BCPUD staff. He had been communicating with us about the visit for several months. He plans to send a photographer when the signs are up. As follow-up I sent him the information below I, slightly edited for this purpose.

**Available Parking Spaces in downtown Bolinas from a June 2022 Bolinas On-Street Parking Inventory commissioned by the Marin County Department of Public Works:**

Wharf Road: 78, Brighton Avenue: 91, Park Ave: 12

TOTAL: 181 available parking spaces with 50% allowed to be allocated to permit restrictions. With some exceptions, no more than 2 permits per household. As of 5/14, approximately 78 allocated. Deadline is 5/16, to apply.

**Details of restriction**

Permit Parking Restriction: No parking from 2 a.m.-5 a.m.

Vehicle length Restriction: No parking of a vehicle greater than 22 feet in length, time of day depends upon street.

Please refer to the **map** shown in *Permit Parking* at [bcpud.org](http://bcpud.org).

**On Wharf Road:** *Seventeen* properties are eligible to obtain a permit that exempts them from the permit parking restriction. The commercial area of the street (starting at the intersection of Brighton) and ending at the Museum, is excluded from permit and vehicle length restrictions. Permit restrictions start past the Museum on the inland side of the street going toward the beach until the edge of the last house on the street. Beyond that house to the beach, there are no homes on the inland side of the street to the beach entrance and in that area there are approximately 22 parking spaces that have no permit restriction. However, the entire inland side of the street from the Museum is subject to vehicle length restriction which is in effect 24/7. Currently there is a temporary loss of nearly half of 22 parking spots due to pending road construction, scheduled for this summer.

On the lagoon side, the area in front of the two homes across from the Museum, closest to the dock, are subject to both vehicle length and permit restrictions. Heading to the beach and beyond that point there are fire (red) zones that restrict parking except in an area surrounding the Rod and Boat Club which is not subject to the new parking restrictions. Wharf Road dead ends at the beach entrance, becomes a narrow road at the boat club, with difficult turn around, and can be very hazardous to pedestrians as there are no sidewalks past the inland houses.

**On Brighton Avenue:** *Thirty properties* are eligible to obtain a permit that exempts them from permit parking restrictions which are only on the "residential side" of the street. There are no vehicle length

restrictions on this side of the street.

On the "park side", there are no residential properties and no permit restrictions. There is a vehicle length restriction to be in effect from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.

Brighton Avenue also dead ends at the beach.

**On Park Avenue:** Although included in the prior parking Measure X ordinance, it is not included in the new ones. There are 12 parking spaces.

The Measure X ordinance was voted on and implemented in 2019 as a pilot program and sunset in 2023. The new ordinances were designed to take its place and provide a more targeted approach, with a focus on the areas of town experiencing a high volume of vehicles, specifically the most hazardous portions of the two dead end streets leading to the very popular public beach. With the exception of the vehicle length restriction on part of Wharf Road, the new ordinances restrict parking only at night. These new ordinances also only cover part of the downtown streets. Day use remains as before. The hope is that the night time restrictions will help to calm use overall.