TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

At the November 7, 2019 Town Council meeting, the Barnstable Town Council voted to adopt a Litter Control Ordinance and Enforcement Provisions. We are utilizing the Town Census mailing to ensure that all households in the Town of Barnstable are aware of this new ordinance and to share with you the images you will be seeing around the Town in the near future.

Thank You for helping to keep the Town of Barnstable “Litter Free for You and Me!”

ORDER FOR THE ADOPTION OF A LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE
AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

ORDERED that General Ordinances of the Code of the Town of Barnstable be amended as follows.

SECTION 1. The General Ordinances are hereby amended by adding the following to Chapter 147, Peace and Good Order

“ARTICLE V
Litter Control

§ 147-15. Purpose and intent.

The citizens of the Town of Barnstable desire a clean and healthy environment, free of debris, trash and refuse. The purpose and intent of this article is in the first instance to enhance public awareness and encourage the responsible handling and disposal of waste. Activities and programs such as pack-in, pack-out contribute to maintaining such a clean and healthy environment. Nevertheless, the citizens must impose the responsibility for proper waste disposal by this ordinance in instances where voluntary action is not taken.

§ 147-16. Littering prohibited.

No person shall throw, deposit, sweep or abandon upon any public way or any property owned by the Town or on property of another any litter. For purposes of this provision “litter” includes but is not limited to paper wrappers from sandwiches; paper, styrofoam, or plastic cups; plastic bags; paper bags; cup lids; cigarette butts; cigarette packs; gum packs; paper towels; tissues; fruit skins and containers; nips and all manner of other beverage containers, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic; human or domestic animal feces; or any other refuse which would be considered trash.

§ 147-17. Violations and penalties. Violation of this article is punishable by noncriminal disposition pursuant to the provision of MGL c. 40, §21D as provided in section 1-1 of Article I of Chapter 1 of the General Ordinances. The fines imposed for violation shall be as provided in section 1-3 of Article I of Chapter 1 of the General Ordinances.

§ 147-18. Enforcing officials. The Town of Barnstable officials with the discretion to enforce the provisions of this article as the designated appropriate enforcing persons are the officials
named in subsections (1) and (4) through (8), inclusive of section 1-2(A) of Article I of Chapter I of the General Ordinances.”

SECTION 2. The General Ordinances are hereby amended by adding to section 1-3 of Article I of Chapter 1 of the General Ordinances after “Ch. 147, Art. II Camping on public or private property $100” the following: “Ch. 147, Art. V Litter control

First Offense $100
Second Offense $200
Third Offense $300”