

Salem State University

Parking and Traffic Rules and Regulation

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I. Purpose

The following rules and regulations are promulgated under M.G.L. Chapter 73, § 18 and M.G.L. Chapter 15A, § 22, and pertain to the use of motor vehicles, bicycles and other vehicles on the Salem State University campus and all lands associated with the university.

The rules and regulations are designed to:

- 1.) provide safe and orderly movement of all vehicles;
- 2.) provide for pedestrian safety;
- 3.) assure free and continuing access to all university areas and buildings.

These rules and regulations have the full effect of law.

II. Definitions

Citation: A notice upon which an authorized officer shall record an occurrence involving one or more violations of law or traffic rule violations.

Employees. All employees of the university including faculty, staff and administrative personnel as well as all other persons similarly associated with the

university.

Motor Vehicle: Every vehicle, constructed and designed for propulsion by power other than muscular power, by which a person or property may be transported upon a street or other way.

Officer: A person appointed by the university as a police officer, authorized to enforce the traffic/parking rules and regulations governing the control, movement and parking of motor vehicles.

Parking: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals.

Parking Lot: An area or areas of the campus or other land of the university set aside by the university for the purpose of providing space for the parking of vehicles duly registered to park thereon or vehicles of persons visiting or having business at the university.

Parking Violations Notice: A notice upon which an authorized officer shall record an occurrence involving one or more parking rule violations.

Roadway: That portion of a street or way between the regularly established curb line, or that part, exclusive of the shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic on the campus or other land of the university.

Street or Way: The entire width between property lines of every way open for purposes of travel on the campus or other land of the university, including parking lots.

Student: For the purpose of these traffic/parking rules and regulations, a student is

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direct and control traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these traffic/ parking rules and regulations.

Assistance: In addition to the foregoing, the Salem State University chief of police or his/her designee may request the assistance of the police of the municipality where university property is situated including the county sheriff's department, officers of other university or college police departments and the State Police whenever in his/her judgment such assistance is necessary.

Temporary Parking: The university chief of police or his/her designee is authorized to permit parking or vehicular movement on any parking lot, lands, street, or way or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency or for lawful assemblage, demonstration, or procession.

Closing of Streets or Ways: The university chief of police or his/her designee is authorized to close temporarily any street or way or parking lot or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency or for lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession.

One-Way Traffic: Upon those ways designated by the university for one-way traffic, and sign-posted for same, no driver will proceed except in the direction indicated by such signs.

IV. Traffic Signs

General: The university is authorized to place and maintain official traffic signs, signals, markings, and safety zones required on the campus and other lands of the university to control the flow, speed and direction of vehicle traffic and set regulations for pedestrian traffic. Operators of vehicles used in and about the campus and other lands of the university shall conform to official signs, signals, markings, and safety zones.

Interference with Signs: Any person who willfully, intentionally and without right defaces or otherwise injures, removes, interferes with or destroys any traffic regulating sign, light, signal, or marking device lawfully erected or placed movement, and parking of motor vehicles shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. This regulation shall be enforced by the Salem State University Police Department. Violations shall be recorded upon a uniform citation.

V. Illegal Parking

General: No person shall allow or permit any vehicle registered in his/her name or

the university in violation of the traffic/parking rules and regulations except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic sign or signal. The person in whose name a motor vehicle is registered shall be held responsible for traffic/parking violations cited against the vehicle.

Employees: Employees' vehicles must be registered with the university. Vehicles registered at the university by employees of the university may be parked only within the confines of unrestricted spaces or in parking areas, stalls or other spaces as authorized by valid insignia appropriately affixed to the vehicle or by proper display of valid temporary authorization. Use of other parking facilities constitutes illegal parking.

Students: Students' vehicles must be registered with the university. The president or his/her designee, acting by authority of the Board of Trustees, may institute a fee for this registration. V2(r)-7(s)-hTw 0.27Tc ..02 Tc 0.0J 08 0 Td [(d)10(i)6(s)14(pl)d ()Tj 0.004 Tc -p0 Td ()Tj

6. In front of any barricade erected to temporarily or permanently close a way to vehicular traffic.
7. On land, except a designated parking lot, not designated for vehicular traffic.
8. In front of a gateway or entrance to an athletic field or other field or open area.
9. Upon any way that is an entrance to a parking area.
10. In any Service Zone, except while actually engaged in loading or unloading.
11. In any bus stop.
12. Adjacent to any building in such a manner as to obstruct an exit or entrance thereto, or to interfere with police, fire, ambulance or other emergency apparatus.
13. In any area designated as reserved for handicapped, reserved, police, fire, ambulance, or space designated as visitor parking.
14. Except for university vehicles, in any space for University Vehicles or State Vehicles Only.
15. In any area designated No Parking, Fire Lane, or Tow Zone or Reserved.
16. Outside of an approved area as designated by an approved university parking permit type.
17. Overtime parking.
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involved in removing and storage of such vehicles. The university assumes no responsibility for the care or protection of or damage to any such motor vehicle or its contents.

VI. Operation of Vehicles

General: Operation of vehicles on and about the campus shall be in accord with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, enforceable by the Salem State University Police Department. The General Laws of the Commonwealth (Chapters 85, 89 and 90) and the Rules and Regulations of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall apply to the university campus and other lands of the university. Violations shall be recorded on a uniform citation.

Speed Limit: All vehicles shall be operated at all times at a speed that is reasonable and proper. At no time shall a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour be considered reasonable and proper except as otherwise posted or for vehicles engaged in emergency work. In addition to acceptance of the civil speeding statutes set out in M.G.L. Chapter 90, the university specifically accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c. 85, § 11: Whoever drives at a rate of speed inconsistent with public safety or convenience may be arrested without a warrant.

immediately upon arrival or use of the vehicle on campus. Failure to register will constitute grounds for denial of the privilege to operate a vehicle on the campus or other lands of the university. Registration of a vehicle is not complete until the decal is permanently and properly affixed to the vehicle. Any motor vehicle bearing a decal which has been mutilated or damaged so that the number thereof or the date of expiration is illegible shall be treated as not bearing the required decal. Expired university decals are not to be displayed. Only one university approved decal/permit

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VIII. No Parking Zones

No Parking Zones include all areas that are not lined or marked for parking. This includes roadways, access lanes and turnaround areas in parking areas, grass surfaces, loading and unloading zones, and fire lanes.

IX. Penalties

For Violations of the General Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles: Penalties for violations of M.G.L. Chapters 85, 89 and 90, and the traffic rules and regulations of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles relating to the laws of the road and the operation of vehicles as applied to the campus and other land of the university shall be the same as prescribed ~~and~~

without Massachusetts handicapped plates.

3.) \$35.00 fine and Subject to Immediate Tow: Student parking violations in any faculty/staff area and illegal parking violations in Reserved spaces are subject to a \$35.00 fine and immediate tow.

XI. Moving Violations.

Citations will be issued and may be appealed in accordance with General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

XII. Operation of Bicycles, Skateboards, Skates, and Scooters.

For the purposes of this regulation, the term "bicycle" shall mean a two-wheeled vehicle propelled by pedals. ~~Chapter 226A, § 10C(4) and 10C(5) of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) shall be amended to read: § 10C(1) To~~

prohibited

Interference with Signs.

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