Parking and Traffic Regulations

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I. Authority

A. Pursuant to the authority granted by S.B. 162 of the 60th Legislature, now incorporated into the Texas Higher Education Code, Subchapter "E", paragraph 51.201 - 51.211, Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi, a member of the Texas A&M University System, is promulgating these regulations pertaining to the operation and parking of vehicles on property of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

B. All laws of the State of Texas, ordinances regarding traffic in the City of Corpus Christi, and rules and regulations of the University are in effect 24 hours a day. The fact that a violation notice is not issued when a violation occurs does not imply that the regulation or law is not in effect.

C. Each vehicle operator is responsible for knowing and following the laws and regulations in force.

D. The legal speed limit on the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi campus is 20 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted. Speed limit on the University parking lots is 10 miles per hour.

E. The University Police Department has the authority to enforce these regulations, including the right to impound vehicles for specific violations. The owner or operator of an impounded vehicle must pay the cost of impounding and storing the vehicle, in addition to any outstanding violation charges.

II. General Provisions

A. The control of motor vehicle traffic on campus is a necessary part of the efficient operation of the university. Parking regulations inform motorists where they may park rather than list every space where it is improper to park.

1. Parking and Traffic regulations are enforced 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.
2. Parking spaces for the physically handicapped are reserved 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

3. Faculty/staff lots are reserved 24 hours per day (or as posted), except weekends/holidays. Unauthorized vehicles shall be subject to impoundment at the owner's expense in addition to citations incurred.

4. Position reserved spaces are reserved 365 days per year.

B. The operation of a motor vehicle on the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi campus is a privilege granted by the University rather than a right.

C. A current parking permit is not a guarantee of a parking space. The responsibility for finding a legal parking space rests with the motor vehicle operator. Lack of a space is not a valid excuse for violating any parking regulation.

D. On special occasions and in emergencies, the University Police Department may temporarily close any campus parking area or facility or limit parking and traffic as required by circumstances.

E. The University assumes no responsibility for the care and/or protection of any vehicle or its contents while the vehicle is operated or parked on campus. However, every effort will be made by University Police officers to protect all vehicles and property. All vehicle operators should lock or otherwise secure their vehicles while unattended.

F. All faculty, staff and students operating a vehicle on University property shall have a valid drivers license. The vehicle shall have proper license plates. All motorists must have proof of liability insurance for their vehicle as required by state law.

G. All thefts, accidents, and offenses that occur on campus should be reported immediately to the University Police Department.

H. The University reserves the right to wheel lock, impound or remove any motor vehicle from the premises of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi at the owner's expense for any of the following reasons:

1. Parking unauthorized vehicle in a handicap space.
2. Receiving five or more outstanding traffic or parking citations per semester.

3. Displaying a lost or stolen permit.

4. Displaying an unauthorized or altered permit.

5. Failure to display a current valid vehicle license plate.

6. Parking in a manner dangerous to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

7. Parking in, stopping in, or or otherwise blocking a fire lane.

8. Parking with disregard to official barricades or traffic cones.

9. Parking on any lawn, sidewalk, or in any area that restricts vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

10. Endangering any life or property (e.g. leaking gasoline).

11. Obstructing any emergency vehicle or equipment.

12. Blocking access to any building, loading zone, reserved area, barricades, or maintenance equipment.

13. Parking or storing a non-operating vehicle on University premises.

14. Failure to obey the lawful verbal order of a University Police Officer, Security Officer, or a Kiosk attendant.

III. Definitions

A. Campus includes all property owned or controlled by Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi.

B. Motor vehicle includes automobiles, buses, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, motor scooters, motorbikes and mopeds.

C. Parking Permit refers to a hanging card permit or self adhering decal issued by Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi authorizing the motor vehicle properly displaying the permit to be parked within designated zones. The purchase and display of a parking permit serves as proper vehicle registration.
D. Impound includes immobilization, towing, removal, and storage of a vehicle.

E. Visitor is an individual with no affiliation, association, or relationship with Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi as a student, faculty member, staff member, or employee, or as determined by the University Police Department. Visitors may find suitable parking designated on the map in this folder.

F. Full-time Faculty includes those whose contract has been processed through the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and who are assigned a full time faculty position with the University. This shall exclude all individuals employed under graduate study status. Such positions as teaching assistant, graduate assistant, lab instructor, or grader do not qualify for this classification.

G. Full-time Staff are employees who are employed for twelve (12) month period at forty hours a week. This shall exclude individuals employed under temporary, part-time, or work study status.

H. Administrators are the President, Vice President, and Deans of the University.

I. Position Reserved Spaces are assigned only to the President, the Vice Presidents, and Academic Deans.

J. Disabled or physically handicapped is defined as a person having demonstrated bone, joint, muscle, or nerve defects involving either the lower spine, pelvis, or lower extremities, or other conditions warranting a medical certificate of disability.

K. Legal Parking Space is a designated vehicular parking area approximately marked by paint striping.

IV. Traffic and Parking Regulations

The campus map in this folder shows the location of various parking zones. Undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, staff, and others, will be issued an appropriately colored permit for parking in the zones as indicated. The purchase of issuance of motor vehicle registration permit does not guarantee a parking space nor does the absence of a parking space constitute a valid justification for violation of these regulations.
An appropriately colored and numbered permit will be issued for each vehicle registered.

Each driver is responsible for his/her vehicle in the area for which the permit is issued.

Security and Information Kiosks are located at Island Boulevard and Sand Dollar Boulevard for your convenience and assistance with parking information.

Special guest passes, visitor passes and temporary permits can be obtained from personnel in the Kiosks or at the University Police Department 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Campus maps, class schedules, information about special events, parking instructions, and directions are some of the helpful functions which are performed at the Kiosks.

Access control and security are also functions of the personnel inside the Kiosks, and motorists and pedestrians departing or entering the TAMU - CC campus are expected to adhere to the directives of the campus security and police. Citations for moving violations can be issued to motorists or pedestrians who fail to comply with directives issued by security personnel. Motorists, vendors, and visitors are required to stop at the Kiosks or, in the event the Kiosks is unmanned, the University Police Department and obtain a special hanging decal from the security personnel if they are not able to display a valid decal. Parking citations will be issued to vehicles which do not display current hanging decals. This ruling will be effective 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

A. Registration of Vehicles

1. All faculty, staff, and students, full or part-time, undergraduate or graduate, who expect to park a vehicle on University property, regularly or occasionally, are required to register those vehicles with the University Police Department and obtain a parking permit assigning a designated area or areas. All student on or before classes begin each semester. All vehicles must be registered. Faculty/Staff vehicles are registered on a yearly or 9-month basis beginning September 1 each year. Vehicle owners and operators may purchase permits at the University Business Office, located in the Student Services Center. Faculty/Staff may purchase permits at the University Police Department.
2. A parking permit is not a guarantee of a parking space. Each vehicle operator is responsible for finding a legal parking space. Lack of space is not a valid excuse for violation of any parking regulation.

3. When a person is charged with violation of any provision of these regulations, proof that the vehicle was, on the date of the offense bearing a valid university parking permit is prima facie evidence that the holder of the permit committed the violation. However if the vehicle does not bear a valid parking permit, proof that the vehicle, on the date of the offense alleged, was owned by an individual is prima facie proof that the owner committed the violation.

4. If a student, faculty, or staff has the same family name or home address as the registered owner of a vehicle for which a violation notice has been issued, the violation notice and accompanying violation charges will be recorded in the student, faculty, or staff member's name.

5. Individuals with unpaid violation charges recorded in their names are ineligible to receive a parking permit until those charges have been paid.

6. A parking permit may not be purchased for an individual who is ineligible to receive a permit. The University will suspend for one year the parking privileges of anyone who violates this regulation. In addition, the University will require that the individual possessing the permit return it to the University immediately.

7. Staff, Faculty, or Administrators will be allowed only one parking permit per fiscal year. This hanging tag permit may be utilized on any vehicle, which is registered with the University Police Department.

8. It is the driver's responsibility to notify the University Police Department when an emergency makes it necessary to operate a non-registered vehicle on campus. The driver must obtain a Temporary Parking Permit at the Security and Information Kiosk or at the University Police prior to parking the vehicle on campus.

9. The registrant of the vehicle is ultimately responsible for its safe operation, proper parking and payment of violations regardless of who may be the driver or operator.

10. Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi parking permits should be removed upon expiration.
11. The hangtag permit should be utilized for multiple semesters. A validation sticker will be issued upon purchase at the business office. Do not discard hangtag when validation sticker has expired. Reutilize hangtag.

B. Motor Vehicle Registration Fees

1. **Students Residing On Campus**

   Spring or Fall Semester $45.00 each
   
   Summer Session (both)...... $25.00
   
   Fall and Spring (combined) .$85.00
   
   Full Year $100.00

   **NOTE:** On Campus Student Residents are required to maintain valid parking permits for the entire time they are residents, regardless of whether they are registered for classes. Residents are restricted to parking only at the apartment complex or in areas designated for resident parking. Residents are not allowed to purchase off campus permits.

2. **Students Residing Off Campus**

   Spring or Fall Semester $45.00 each
   
   Summer Session (both) $25.00
   
   Fall and Spring (combined) $85.00
   
   Full Year $100.00

3. **Employee/Agency** (All Zone Permit)

   Fall and Spring Semester (combined) $85.00

   **(Note:** 9-month permits are only available to faculty members who are on a 9 month contract.**)

   Summer .$25.00
   
   Full Year $100.00
4. **Student, Employee or Agency Motorcycles** (if parked in designated motorcycle areas)

   Spring or Fall Semester $25.00 each
   
   Summer Session ...$25.00
   
   Full Year $70.00
   
   (Note: Self-Adhering Motorcycle permits will be paid for at the Business Office and picked up in person at the University Police Department.)

C. Refund of Vehicle Registration Fees

   Refunds may apply to unused permits which are not mutilated. Persons should request refunds at the Business Office. A check for the refunded amount will be mailed within 30 days. The refund schedule is as follows.

1. Withdrawing prior to the first regularly scheduled class day ..100%

2. Withdrawing before the official twelfth class day (Regular Session) 80%

D. Lost or Stolen Permits

1. Theft or loss of a parking permit must be reported to the University Police Department as soon as possible. Once a report is filed, present the case number at the business office. A fee of $25.00 will be charged for replacement of lost/stolen permits. This fee is waived upon presentation of a stolen vehicle report from any police department.

2. Parking privileges shall be suspended for one calendar year for any individual who displays a lost or stolen permit. In the case of a stolen permit, criminal charges may be filed and the permit must be surrendered.

3. The University Police Department may impound any vehicle that displays lost or stolen permit.

E. Types of Special Permits

1. Handicapped Permits
Employee, Agency, and students are eligible to receive handicapped permits subject to the following requirements or restrictions.

a. Temporary Permits: The applicant must obtain a written verification of handicapped status, which includes the expected period of disability. This must be signed by a physician and will be valid for a maximum period of 30 days.

b. To request a permanent handicapped and temporary handicapped exceeding six (6) months, the person must obtain a State of Texas handicapped permit from any County Tax Assessor. The applicant must have a valid parking permit on his or her vehicle, and the vehicle must display The State of Texas handicapped permit.

c. Handicapped permits are valid only for a limited time as defined at the time of issuance. The university may withdraw a temporary handicapped permit at any time.

d. Vehicles displaying a handicapped permit may park in any handicapped parking space. Any other vehicle parked in any handicapped space may be fined and/or impounded.

2. Visitor Permits

A visitor is an individual with no affiliation, association, or relationship with Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi as a student, faculty member, staff member, or employee, or as determined by the University Police Department.

a. The university requires all visitors to obtain temporary visitor permits for motor vehicles they will operate or park on campus.

b. Visitors must obtain visitor permits either at the entrance Kiosk or at the University Police Department.

c. Visitors will be directed to appropriate parking areas at the time of issuance.

d. Visitor permits are valid until midnight on the expiration date stated on the permit.

3. Temporary Permits
A. Employee/Agency/Student Temporary: Issued upon request to Faculty/Staff, enrolled student and Agency employee who possesses a valid parking permit. (Note: Upon issuance of the third temporary in a single semester, the member will be provided (and billed for) a new valid parking permit, unless the member can produce the original permit.) Individuals may obtain a temporary parking permit, valid for one day only, at no cost, from the Kiosks or from the University Police Department.

B. Seminars and Meetings: Department heads may request temporary parking permits from the University Police Department and distribute them to participants involved in seminars, meetings, or courses. A list should be forwarded to the Parking Control Supervisor, University Police showing the course, location, estimated attendance, and inclusive dates at least one week prior to the beginning of the meeting.

F. Display of Permits

Upon registration of a vehicle, a parking permit will be issued and shall be properly displayed hanging from the inside rear view mirror. The wording and numbers must be facing outward and in an upright position. The parking permit must be plainly visible through the windshield.

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V. Parking Violations and Fines

A. No on-street parallel parking is permitted regardless of color of the curb.

B. No parking is permitted in red curbed areas at any time.

C. Parking is prohibited in all campus driveways. Vehicles found there will be subject to fines, wheel locks or impoundment.

D. Schedule of Penalties

Parking in areas not specifically designated $ 25.00 (includes No Parking zones)

Loading Zone .............$ 25.00
Wrong permit for Zone ................$ 25.00
On or Over a Line ..................$ 25.00

**Parked in a Fire Lane ................$ 100.00 (vehicle may be towed)**

**Handicapped Zone Without Permit ..........$200.00 (vehicle may be towed)**

**Blocking access to a Handicapped space ........$200.00 (vehicle may be towed)**

Reserved Space Without Permit ..........$ 50.00
Visitor Space .......................$ 25.00

Failure to Register Vehicle ..................$ 100.00
Current Permit Not Displayed ..........$ 100.00
Improper Display or Mutilated Parking Decal ....$ 20.00
Forging or Fraudulently using a Parking Decal ..$ 200.00
Displaying Expired Decal ...............$ 100.00

Speed in excess of 10 MPH in a Parking Lot .......$ 50.00
Disregarding a traffic control device .......$ 50.00

Parking in excess of time limit (posted/metered) $ 25.00
Disregarding lawful order of Campus Police Officer $100.00

Failure to remove citation after changing locations or
transferring citation to another vehicle $ 50.00

Failure to display a valid license plate, motor vehicle
registration and/or vehicle inspection sticker on
a parked vehicle ..........................$ 50.00

Parking/Storing a non-operating vehicle on campus....$ 50.00
Boot Removal Fee ...............$ 75.00 (paid at time of removal)

Towing/Storage To be determined by company used

Note:

1. Vehicles receiving 5 or more unpaid citations will be subject to booting or towing.

2. Replacement lost-permit for Employee, Agency and Students $25.

3. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NO DECAL OR AN EXPIRED DECAL, YOU CAN HAVE THE TICKET REDUCED TO $10 UPON PROOF OF PURCHASE OF A NEW ONE, OR YOU CAN APPEAL. IF YOU APPEAL, YOU CANNOT CHOOSE TO REDUCE IF APPEAL IS DISAPPROVED.

VI. Violator's Obligation

A. All penalties for those violations must be paid at the Business Office during normal business hours.

B. The penalties assessed for violations constitutes an indebtedness to Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi. Anyone failing to pay them is subject to disciplinary action, impoundment of vehicle, or withholding of grades and /or transcripts. In addition, referral may be made to the Dean of Students.

VII. Appeals Procedure

Appeals must be made to the Campus Parking Appeals Committee within ten (10) calendar days of the citation. Persons making an appeal should follow these procedure:

A. Appear at the Student Services Office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the citation. (Note: The Parking Penalty Appeal Form may be obtained at the University Police website or University Police Department Office.

http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~police/UPD/appeals.htm
B. Appear before the Parking Appeals Committee at the time the case is scheduled for hearing.

C. If the appeal is denied, the fees must be paid within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the ruling, otherwise a late fee will apply.

D. Failure to appear before the Appeals Board will result in the original fee being assessed.

E. If the appeal is denied, the full amount of the ticket will be valid for payment.

VIII. Enforcement

All University Police Officers are duly Commissioned Peace Officers of the State of Texas.

The University Police Department is authorized to issue two (2) types of citations for violations of University parking and traffic laws.

A. University Violation Notices - those handled by the university, subject to university administrative violation charges and a right to appeal within the university.

B. Court Appearance Citations - those handled by the University Police but constituting a summons to appear in either the Corpus Christi Municipal Court or a Justice of the Peace Court.

IX. Responsibility

All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for following the regulations printed in this folder.

X. Identification