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45.01 Traffic and Parking Regulations

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1. Applicability of Regulations

These regulations govern the traffic and parking on property of Prairie View A&M University. Said property includes the main campus, the portion of FM 1098 which runs contiguous to the main campus, and the Houston Nursing Center. These regulations apply to all University faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

2. Traffic Regulations

- 2.1 All motor vehicle operators on campus are subject to the general, criminal and traffic laws of the State of Texas. Motor vehicles include automobiles, buses, trucks, motorcycles and motor scooters.
- 2.2 The maximum speed limit on campus streets is 20 mph, unless otherwise posted. The maximum speed in parking lots is 5 mph.
- 2.3 Pedestrians will be given the right-of-way at all times.
- 2.4 Pedestrians should use pedestrian crossings when crossing streets.
- 2.5 The University's Director of Public Safety has the authority to enforce traffic controls not specifically covered by these regulations. This includes parking and traffic flow during special events.

3. Parking Regulations

3.1 Parking Permits

- 3.1.1 All faculty, staff, and student motor vehicles parked on campus must display a valid Prairie View A&M University parking permit (decal). Parking decals must be firmly attached (i.e. cannot be taped or partially attached) to the lower right inside of the windshield and plainly visible from the outside. Parking decals are not transferable. Parking decals should be obtained on or before the date the individual begins parking their vehicle on campus.
- 3.1.2 All visitors must obtain a valid visitors permit or must have received a token to park in the controlled access lot for visitors. Visitor permits are available at the Information Booth or the University Police Department.
- 3.1.3 All applicants for parking permits must provide proof of registration and insurance before a decal will be issued to them.
- 3.1.4 A parking decal will not be issued to an individual for a vehicle that belongs (i.e. is registered) to another person.
- 3.1.5 Replacement decals will be issued when proof of loss or destruction of the permit is provided to the University Police Department. The replacement cost will be the same as the cost for a new decal. No fee will be charged in the event of a vehicle being traded in for another vehicle or being totaled in an accident, as long as adequate proof is provided.
- 3.1.6 Persons with physical disabilities may request a handicapped parking permit. Said permit will be provided upon receipt and verification of proper documentation from a physician. The cost of the permit will be the regular rate charged for a faculty/staff unreserved or student permit, as appropriate.
- 3.1.7 A temporary parking decal may be obtained from the University Police Department in the event that a valid permit holder has unforeseen problems with their vehicle.

3.2 Parking regulations pertain to all motor vehicles, which include automobiles, buses, trucks, motorcycles and motor scooters.

3.3 Motorcycles and motorbikes must be parked in a manner not to create a traffic hazard or in a

place specifically designated for such vehicles.

- 3.4 Bicycles should be parked in racks, if available, or in a manner not to create a traffic or safety hazard.
- 3.5 Motor vehicles may not be operated on a pedestrian walk or a sidewalk, with the exception of authorized University vehicles.
- 3.6 Parking is permitted only in areas clearly identified for parking. The absence of "No parking " signs does not imply that parking is allowed. Street parking is prohibited except where signs indicate parking is permitted. Vehicles parked on the street must be in designated parking spaces.
- 3.7 Traffic and parking regulations posted on signs apply at all times, including holidays and between academic sessions.
- 3.8 Motor vehicles may not be driven through a barricade or road block.
- 3.9 The following parking violations are subject to parking fines:
 - a. Parking in a non-designated space
 - b. Improper display of parking permits
 - c. Use of a parking permit on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the permit was issued
 - d. Falsifying, reproducing, or altering a parking permit
 - e. Parking in a no-parking or a loading zone
 - f. Parking in reserved areas
 - g. Parking in a service or access driveway
 - h. Obstructing traffic, streets, sidewalks or building entrances or exits
 - i. Parking in a striped zone (crosswalks, end of lane, etc.)
 - j. Parking in a tow-away zone (red curbs)
 - k. Backing into parking spaces
 - l. Vehicles with no parking permits
 - m. Blocking a fire hydrant
- 3.10 The following parking violations are subject to towing and impounding vehicles:
 - a. Obstructing a moving lane of traffic
 - b. Parking in a reserved space
 - c. Parked on campus without a current valid parking permit
 - d. Parked in a red fire zone
 - e. Obstructing access to a maintenance work site (i.e. trash container, maintenance room or loading dock)
 - f. Double parked behind another vehicle
 - g. Vehicle of a suspect arrested by any law enforcement agency
 - h. Parked in an area not designated for parking and causing a traffic hazard or impediment
 - i. Blocking a vehicle in a parking space
 - j. Parked in a "Patient Only" space

4. Parking and Traffic Fees

4.1 Parking and traffic fees are as follows:

Category	Rate
Student Parking Permit	
Fall/Spring	\$35
Summer Session	\$15
Short Course	\$10
Faculty/Staff Parking Permit	
Controlled Access - Reserved	
Controlled Access - Unreserved	\$150
Reserved	\$125
Unreserved	\$110
Second Vehicle	\$60
Third Vehicle	\$15
Third Vehicle	\$60
Parking and Traffic Fines	
Moving Violations	\$75
Non-moving Violations	\$50
Parking in Handicapped Zone	\$200
Towing Charge	\$75

4.2 Payment of parking and traffic fees will be handled as follows:

- a. Students requesting a parking permit will be assessed a parking fee in their student fee account when they pick up their parking decal and then will be required to pay the fee at the Cashiers window.
- b. Faculty and staff requesting a parking permit will be required to make their payment at

the Cashier's window and to present their receipt to the University Police Department when they pick up their parking decal.

- c. Parking fines are submitted to the Fiscal Office for assessment to faculty, staff, and students. Parking fines for students are posted to the student's fee account, while parking fines for faculty and staff are posted to a receivable account established in FAMIS. Payment for all parking fines must be paid at the Cashiers window.

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