

# TUSCULUM COLLEGE

## 2011-2012 Vehicle and Parking Regulations



The rules and regulations contained herein have been formulated in order to best utilize the roadways and parking areas for the benefit of the Tusculum College community, including students, staff, faculty, guests, vendors, and visitors; to assure access at all times for emergency response personnel, and support vehicles; and to promote the safety and welfare of persons and property in on or about the College. The College is not responsible for losses due to theft or damage to vehicles while on College property.

An emergency services fund has been established by the Tusculum College Campus Safety Office to facilitate the provision of personal vehicle emergency services (such as jump starting) until the fund is depleted. If your car becomes disabled, simply contact Campus Safety (423/470-2710 or 423/636-7318), and a safety officer will attempt to assist you.

*In order to promote the availability of this service to all community members, utilization of services facilitated by the emergency services fund will be restricted to once per month per community member or vehicle up to three times per school year.*



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Vehicle Registration Sticker/Decal is to be placed on the outside of the rear window of the vehicle (preferably lower right corner).

PARKING REGULATION QUICK REFERENCE

For the privilege of utilizing the roadways and parking areas of Tusculum College, the user agrees to abide by the rules and regulations formulated in order to best utilize resources for the benefit of the Tusculum College community, including students, staff, faculty, guests, vendors, and visitors. Those rules and regulations can be found in full at http://www.tusculum.edu/life/docs/TCMVRegs.pdf; however, the following quick reference is provided for your use.

Tusculum College welcomes you to our beautiful campus—which has been designed as a walking campus for everyone to enjoy. For this reason, having a parking permit does not guarantee availability of a parking space in the immediate vicinity of your residency, class or office/workplace; however, ample parking exists on the perimeter of the campus making it accessible to all. The responsibility for finding a permissible parking space lies with the vehicle operator. Inability to find a permitted parking space will not be accepted as justification for violating any of the parking regulations which shall be strictly enforced.

Designated Parking Areas

RESIDENT STUDENTS—Red Lined Spaces    COMMUTERS, FACULTY, & STAFF—Yellow Lines    OPEN PARKING—White Lines

No Parking is Permitted Anytime In The Following Areas

- In any visitor space (outside visitors only)
In any designated fire lane
In front of (or alongside) fire hydrant
In or adjacent to construction/work area or entrance
On any campus roadway
On the side of any campus roadway
In any driveway/loading area
In handicap areas w/o permit
So as to create an open and obvious hazard
On any grass or unpaved area
On any sidewalk, path or crosswalk
Designated reserve space (Applicable 24 Hours)

Vehicles parking in these areas will automatically be ticketed and TOWED.
Vehicles parking in these areas will automatically be ticketed and BOOTED.

General Notes

- STICKERS Faculty, Staff, and Students may obtain as many vehicle registration stickers as they desire and are encouraged to register any vehicle they may be driving to avoid citation for an unregistered vehicle.
GUEST/ TEMPORARY PARKING Guest passes are available through the Campus Safety 24 hours a day on all 7 days of the week. Individuals parking without parking passes are subject to ticket and boot.
APPEALS If in fact you are issued a parking ticket, you may submit a written appeal to the Student Affairs office within 48 hours of the issuance of the citation. When writing out an appeal, please remember to keep it brief and address the issue. Avoid abusive, abrasive, sarcastic, or profane language. Also, note that indicating a lack of available proximate (close-in) parking, is not necessary, as the board is aware of the parking conditions on our walking campus.
PARKING BANS During community events or inclement weather, parking in certain areas may be banned to allow for the accommodation of guests and/or enhanced safety.

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## **Motor Vehicle Regulations**

### **I. Authority/Jurisdiction**

The Tusculum College Board of Trustees empowers the President of the College with the day to day administration of the College. To achieve this responsibility, the President has delegated the management of the traffic and parking system to the Vice President/CFO who supervises the Director of Campus Safety. The Director of Campus Safety facilitates the traffic and parking system through Campus Safety personnel who directly implement the program. The President has also delegated the independent review of student infraction appeals to the Dean of Students. In order to better serve the Campus community, Tusculum College Campus Safety Officers are responsible for the enforcement of Tusculum College policies, regulations and procedures.

### **II. Definitions**

**Campus:** All property controlled by Tusculum College, including but not limited to lands and facilities owned, leased, or rented by the College, its staff, agents, or officers.

**Campus Safety Office:** Located in the Niswonger Commons facility central to the residential campus.

**Motor Vehicles:** All self-propelled vehicles, including, but not limited to, trucks, vans, automobiles, motorcycles, mini-bikes, scooters, etc. regardless of fuel source.

**Service Vehicles:** Vehicles authorized by the College and actively engaged in providing service on or about campus buildings or grounds.

**Students:** All persons who have enrolled at Tusculum College from the time of their initial enrollment through their graduation or official withdrawal from the institution (including periods when classes are not in session or the individual is not registered for coursework – students are required to park in their designated student lot throughout the year, including College holidays and the summer period). Spouses of students are considered to be students, even though they may not be enrolled at the College, so they must restrict their parking to the area designated by the Student's permit.

**Commuters:** All Adult/Graduate Program students, Post-Secondary students, and students living in off-campus residences.

**Resident Students:** Students living in College-owned housing (including, but not limited to: residence halls, apartments, dormitories, and program houses).

**Employees:** All full-time or part-time members of the staff or faculty, and designated non-student employees of College vendors (e.g. Sodexo). Outside contractors will need to make special arrangements through the Business, Facilities Management, or Campus Safety offices for campus access and parking privileges.

### **III. Motor Vehicle Registration**

#### **A. General Registration Procedures**

1. All Tusculum College students, faculty, staff, administration, and College designated vendor employees are required to register any motor vehicle they own or control which is operated on College property regardless of the length of time they are on campus.
2. Registrants should notify the Campus Safety Office when a registered vehicle has been transferred out of their ownership, so that accountability for subsequent violations can be removed from the registrant's record.

3. Unless motor vehicle operation privileges have been suspended, parties shall be eligible for vehicle registration privileges upon paying any accrued fines.
  4. All guests to campus are required to register their vehicle at the Campus Safety Office. While guests are welcome on campus at open College events or when hosted by a community member, their status may be difficult to ascertain if they are not registered/sign-in (at no cost) with Campus Safety. Therefore, guests who are on Campus without registering other than for open College sponsored events (varsity athletics, etc.) may be ticketed, booted, or towed and shall bear responsibility for any associated costs (though fines may be waived upon verification of status).
  5. Registrants will be issued a parking sticker which must be permanently attached to the outside of the rear window (if an obstruction or some other reason makes such placement problematic, consult Campus Safety for authorized alternative placement).
  6. Community members must register any vehicle operated on College property which is within their command or control. No fee will be assessed for issued stickers, however a \$20.00 fee will be assessed for lost stickers).
  7. A new parking sticker must be obtained each year and is valid only for the academic year in which it is issued. If a sticker is improperly displayed, or not displayed, a citation will be issued.
- B. Disability/Handicap Registration Procedures – Disability/handicap parking permits can not be issued by the Campus Safety Office. Students and employees must follow the proper protocols provided under state law to obtain a permit to park in disabled/handicap parking areas (it is recommended that you consult your physician or the department of motor vehicles). Note - once spaces are designated by any private entity as disability/handicap parking spaces, they may be patrolled and cited by city or county authorities in addition to the private body.

#### **IV. Campus Parking Areas**

##### **A. General Restrictions**

1. Tusculum College is a walking campus and, therefore, student vehicles are expected to be parked in their designated lots from 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
2. As a walking residential campus, speed limits on all campus property are 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. To further safety in such an environment, Campus Safety will not engage in the pursuit of moving violators, however, all policies shall be enforced through citation to the owner of the vehicle.
3. Tow Away Zones/Circumstances – Tow Away Zones/Circumstances are in effect 24 hours a day for all 7 days of the week. Individuals will incur both tow fees from the College and any additional storage fees assessed by the tow company after twenty-four (24) hours. Tow zones/circumstances include:
  - a. Fire Lanes– Curbside or lot lanes not marked for parking or any throughway which is sufficiently blocked so as to prevent the ingress or egress of emergency vehicles;
  - b. Fire Hydrants- Blocking access to any fire plug, hydrant or connection;
  - c. Handicap Parking – Parking spaces for individuals with a disability are marked in various locations on campus by signs and/or pavement markings. These spaces are restricted to vehicles operated by a disabled guest or on behalf of a disabled guest passenger while displaying a state-issued card or plate designating such authorization;
  - d. Roadways – Public or private, including path of traffic in parking areas or entranceways;
  - e. Construction/Work Areas – All vehicles are forbidden to be parked or operated within or adjacent to any construction/work area, or entrance or exit to such area;

- f. Driveways/Loading Zones- Entrances to buildings, lots or loading docks is prohibited;
  - g. Visitors Zone – Permanently designated visitors slots, as well as those temporary visitor slots designated by appropriate signage; and
  - h. Hazard – Other open and obvious hazard as determined by Campus Safety.
4. Boot Zones/Circumstances – Boot Zones/Circumstances are in effect 24 hours a day for all 7 days of the week. Use of the boot is designed to keep the vehicle owner from having to retrieve their vehicle from off campus and pay more excessive fees incurred from a tow company in addition to their campus fines. After forty-eight (48) hours, a booted vehicle which is not addressed may be towed. The College is not responsible for any damage incurred due to a vehicle having to be booted - do not move your car with a boot attached as any movement may result in serious damage to your car and to the boot. If the boot is damaged, repair or replacement fees will be assessed. Areas/situations in which the boot is designated for use include:
- a. 15-Minute Parking – Parking slots are marked at each dorm for pickup and drop-off only and vehicles parked in excess of 15 minutes will be subject to booting;
  - b. Lawns – Any campus green space, berm, yard, or lawn (parking upon which does not impact the flow of traffic or create damage or immediate hazard – otherwise vehicle will be towed);
  - c. Undesignated Areas – Parking is only permitted in paved lots on Campus which have painted parking slots, unless a temporary gravel lot is opened and then parking is restricted to clearly defined boundaries and orderly parking within lanes; and
  - d. Reserved Areas:
    - i. General Reserve – designated by signage for lot/spaces or pavement lettering “Reserved” or similar;
    - ii. Maintenance - designated by signage for lot/spaces or pavement lettering “Service Vehicle” or similar;
    - iii. Resident Student - designated by signage for lot/spaces or pavement striping in red paint; or
    - iv. Commuter/Faculty/Staff - designated by signage for lot/spaces or pavement striping in yellow.

#### **V. General Responsibilities of Registrant/College**

- A. The registrant will be held responsible for any parking violations involving their vehicle.
- B. Registration of vehicles does not create a bailment, therefore, individuals operate and park their vehicles on Campus at their own risk. Tusculum College assumes no responsibility or liability for motor vehicles, their occupants, or contents while operated or parked on Campus.
- C. Tusculum College is a walking campus, and motorists must give right of way to pedestrians at all times.
- D. During community events or inclement weather, parking in certain areas may be banned to allow for the accommodation of guests and/or enhanced safety, it is the responsibility of all registrants to observe all parking bans.

#### **VI. Violations and Penalties**

- A. College parking fines must be paid at the Business Office. Unpaid fines will result in registration/ transcript/graduation blocks for students and a \$10 late fee for Faculty and Staff tickets not paid within one month of ticket date.
- B. Example Fines for Improper Vehicle Operation:

Regulation	Fine	Poten tial Boot*	Potent ial Tow*	Potentia l Privilege Suspens ion	Total Potenti al Costs
Reckless operation placing individuals at risk (e.g. alcohol, drugs, reckless driving/excessive speed, etc. [plus College judicial review])	\$250	NO	YES	YES	\$350
Improper parking in fire zone, at fire hydrant/plug	\$150	NO	YES	NO	\$250
Improper parking in handicap space	\$150	NO	YES	NO	\$250
Failure to register vehicle, registering through false information, displaying false registration (plus College judicial review)	\$75	YES	NO	NO	\$125
Registering and/or causing a vehicle to be registered to some other person (each person – plus College judicial review)	\$75	YES	NO	YES	\$125
Improper parking in reserved area	\$40	YES	NO	NO	\$90
Improper parking out of designated area	\$40	NO	NO	NO	\$40
Riding outside vehicle/Failure to stop/Minor moving violations	\$40	NO	NO	NO	\$40
Failure to display registration	\$40	N/Y <sup>1</sup>	NO	NO	\$90

\* A violation which is not an automatic boot or tow infraction may become so due to repetitive violations

<sup>1</sup> If registered status can not be ascertained, boot may be applied

- C. Subsequent Violation Fines – A second or subsequent violation of the same policy previously violated from the opening day of the fall term through the opening day of the following academic year’s fall term shall result in fines being increased by one half the base fine rate (e.g. \$40 fine is assessed at \$60 for second violation within academic year).
- D. Repeat Student Violators - Violators who receive any combination of four (4) or more motor vehicle violations in an academic year shall be automatically towed or booted upon subsequent violation, and the student’s record will be forwarded to the College judicial process for review of the presumptive suspension of Campus Motor Vehicle Operation privileges.
- E. Towed/Booted Vehicles - Owners or operators of a vehicle towed or booted for enforcement purposes will be subject to a \$100.00 tow fee or \$50.00 boot fee in addition to the fine imposed for the violation (as well as any accrued storage fees if the vehicle is not claimed within 72 hours of a tow).

**VII. General Motor Vehicle Operation Provisions**

- A. Moving violations on Campus may be enforced by Campus Safety, City Police, County Sheriff’s personnel, etc. Should Campus Safety respond to the incident, violators shall be cited to the Campus judicial system. Operators of Motor Vehicles on campus are expected to operate in a safe manner as to not endanger people or property. The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of violations:
  1. Failure to obey regulatory devices (stop signs, etc.);
  2. Driving off established roadway;

3. Driving around or through barricades;
  4. Squealing tires;
  5. Passengers standing or riding in the bed of pickup truck or open hatchback, or tailgate of an auto;
  6. Speed, excessive for existing conditions; and
  7. Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- B. Disabled Vehicles - Disabled vehicles must be reported to Campus Safety immediately, along with plans for their removal. Vehicle owners must have disabled vehicles removed or will be subject to ticketing and/or towing. Campus Safety is not able to recommend particular companies, but area towing services are available 24 hours a day and Campus Safety can help a driver make contact. Campus Safety reserves the right to tow a vehicle at any time when it presents a hazard.
- C. Unused or Abandoned Vehicles - The College will use reasonable and prudent judgment in attempts to locate the owners of unused or abandoned vehicles. Vehicles with evidence of nonuse left in parking lots, streets, driveways, or any unauthorized areas of the campus or other lands of the College may be towed away. Expenses of this hauling and disposal will be charged against the registered owner. Any vehicle without a valid license plate will be considered an abandoned vehicle and will be removed from the College property by direction of the Director of Campus Safety or his/her designee.

**VIII. Appeal of Parking/Traffic Tickets**

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Student Affairs office within 48 hours of the issuance of any citation. Appeals will be reviewed through the College judicial process as determined by the Dean of Students or her/his designee (faculty/staff will address their grievance procedure through the Vice President/CFO).

**IX. Regulations Development, Dissemination, and Amendment**

Tusculum College shall develop, disseminate, and enforce such policies as are necessary to support the safety, security, and orderly operation of the traffic and parking system. While necessary changes to the Motor Vehicle Regulations may be incorporated by the College throughout the year, a review in pursuit of the aforementioned objectives shall be conducted at the end of each academic year by the Director of Campus Safety under direction of the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer. Individuals interested in advancing concepts for amendment of the regulations are encouraged to work through their designated representatives in the campus governance process (e.g. Student Government Association) to develop a consensus position for consideration.