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PARKING CODE
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UNIVERSITY of
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Parking and Transportation
Row Hall
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I. GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The University of West Georgia (UWG) Parking and Transportation Services Department is delegated authority and responsibility for the administration of parking regulations and procedures designed to provide a safe and efficient parking system.

II. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All faculty, staff and currently enrolled students who park on the UWG Carrollton campus are required to register with Parking and Transportation Services. Failure to register a vehicle will result in a citation being issued.

All UWG Newnan students and students taking online classes who visit the Carrollton campus must have their vehicle registered and display a current University of West Georgia hangtag or follow the procedures found in Section II-E, Visitor Registration.

A. Registration Procedure

Individuals intending to park on campus must come to the Parking Services Office in Row Hall to register their vehicle. Failure to do so will result in a citation being issued.

The person registering a vehicle is responsible for all parking violations incurred by that vehicle and/or hangtag/decal regardless of who is operating the vehicle or to whom the vehicle is registered.

Motorized carts or motorized scooters below engine size of 50 cc. or similar vehicles may not be registered as a personal vehicle. Parking Services may grant, on a case-by-case basis, permission to register the use of a personal motorized cart for students and employees with accessibility (mobility) issues.

B. Student Registration

1. Each academic year, all students must register their vehicles within the first five days of the semester. Parking hangtags must be suspended from the windshield mirror anytime the vehicle is parked on campus. The hangtag must face outward from the vehicle and be totally unobstructed. If no mirror is available, the hangtag must be placed face-up on the driver-side dashboard.
   a. The hangtag may be used on any vehicle brought onto campus by the student.
   b. Citations are issued to the hangtag and not the vehicle. However, if no hangtag is visible, the citation is issued to the vehicle.
2. Student fees for parking are included with class registration fees.
3. Students are limited to one hangtag per academic year. Replacement for a lost hangtag is $15.00.
4. Refunds for hangtags will not be offered.
5. Courtesy warning tickets will be issued the first five class days of each semester for vehicles that do not display a current hangtag. Vehicles will still be cited for violations of State Law and restricted parking such as handicap, red curb, yellow curb, faculty/staff, meters, and reserved parking.
C. Employee Registration

1. UWG Employees must register their vehicle immediately following the first contract date of the year or within one business day following orientation for new faculty/staff.
2. All Aramark employees (full-time and part-time) must register their vehicle within one business day following orientation. Aramark employees will be issued an “ARAMARK” hang tag.
3. Upon vehicle registration, individuals will be issued a parking decal which must be attached on the upper passenger’s side of the front windshield anytime the vehicle is parked on campus. The decal must face outward from the vehicle and be totally unobstructed by the sun shade strip. Citations are issued to the decal and not the vehicle. However, if the decal is missing, the citation is issued to the vehicle.
4. Employee registration fee is $15.00.
5. Replacement for a lost decal(s) is $15.00.
6. Refunds for decals will not be offered.
7. Faculty/staff and contract employees cannot receive a decal for a new academic year until all outstanding fines are paid.
8. Full-time faculty/staff may be issued a gate access card upon request. This card is not to be loaned to anyone. The card remains the property of UWG and must be returned to Parking Services at the end of employment. The replacement cost for a lost or stolen gate access card is $10.00.
9. Family members of faculty/staff who are enrolled in classes on the University of West Georgia campus must register their vehicles as students.
10. Graduate assistants (GAs/GRAs), student assistants, and Federal Work Study Program (FWSP) students are not permitted to register their vehicles as faculty/staff. UWG students employed by Aramark are not permitted to register their vehicles as faculty/staff. Additionally, student assistants may not park in designated faculty/staff areas until after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
11. Vice Presidents and College Deans can request from Parking and Transportation Services a “Special Parking Permit for Meters and Service Spaces” for selected individuals. This permit entitles the bearer to park in service and metered spaces while attending UWG meetings or office visits away from assigned office. This permit may only be displayed on a registered vehicle bearing a current Faculty/Staff decal. This permit is not designed to provide convenient parking next to the bearer’s office. All other use is prohibited. Abuse of this permit will result in citations, impoundment, and revocation.

D. Visitor Registration

Visitors should contact Parking Services, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., before or upon arrival to campus to register for a Visitor's Parking Hangtag. After business hours, registration may be made via voicemail to the Parking Office at 678-839-6629, or via email addressed to parking@westga.edu. Visitors are allowed to park in any area designated for faculty, staff, metered, or student parking. Visitors are not allowed to park in any area that is designated as a tow away zone, reserved, restricted, red, or yellow curbs. If a citation is received, the visitor should follow the instructions printed on the citation. If possible, visitors should bring the citation to Parking Services on the same day the citation was issued. If this is not possible, please either email or call Parking Services for instructions.

Parking and Transportation Services will issue a Visitor’s Parking Hangtag to all authorized visitors. This hangtag will be suspended from the windshield mirror facing outward. When using voicemail or email, visitors must provide vehicle information including make, model, and tag number as well as purpose of visit.
Visitors with disabilities should contact Parking Services, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., before or upon arrival to campus to register for a Visitor's Parking Hangtag. After business hours, registration may be made via voicemail to the Parking Office at 678-839-6629, or via email addressed to parking@westga.edu. Visitors with disabilities are allowed to park in “Permit Parking Only” accessible parking spaces, as well as any area designated for faculty, staff, student, and metered parking. Visitors are not allowed to park in any area that is designated as tow away zone, reserved, restricted, red, or yellow curbs. If a citation is received, the visitor should follow the instructions printed on the citation.

E. Persons with Disabilities

Under Official Code of Georgia section 40-6-226, it is illegal to utilize a State-issued Disability Parking Permit for fraudulent purposes. Violators’ vehicles will be cited and towed.

UWG students, faculty and staff with either permanent or temporary disabilities must obtain a “H/C” decal from Parking Services if they intend to park in “Permit Parking Only” accessible parking spaces on campus. Persons with disabilities are allowed to park in student or faculty/staff spaces if “Permit Parking Only” accessible spaces are filled. Parking in service-vehicle spaces, reserved spaces, metered spaces (without paying) or in any areas that are restricted by UWG signage or state law is not allowed. While parked on campus, the “H/C” decal must be attached either to a student hangtag or faculty/staff decal. The current UWG hangtag with “H/C” decal will be displayed in front of any State-issued Disability Parking Permit.

1. Permanent disabilities
   An “H/C” decal is required from Parking Services which must be affixed to the driver’s UWG hangtag or decal. Gate cards that allow access to restricted gated lots will be issued to individuals issued a special accessibility decal. Gate cards must be returned to Parking Services whenever classes are no longer being taken at UWG or employment is concluded. Failure to return the card will result in a $10.00 charge and a hold placed on the UWG Banner account.

2. Temporary disabilities
   A hangtag may be issued for persons with temporary disabilities. The driver must present to Parking Services a doctor’s statement that communicates the need for accommodation and the duration of the request. The statement must be on letterhead with original signature. The hangtag must be displayed in clear view. As needed, persons with temporary disabilities will be issued a parking gate card for the duration of their disability. The card must be returned on the expiration date of their temporary permit. Failure to return the card will result in a $10.00 charge and a hold placed on the UWG Banner account.

3. Persons with disabilities with a non-registered vehicle
   Non-registered vehicles that display a disabled license plate or state issued Disability Parking Permit may receive a warning citation to remind the occupant to register with Parking Services. Further violations will be subject to fines and impoundment as outlined in Section V of this code.
F. Temporary Parking Permits

Hangtag/decal(s) shall be properly displayed in any temporary vehicle. Should the student, faculty, or staff employee fail to transfer the hangtag/decal, s/he should call Parking Services at 678-839-6629 before or upon arrival to campus and advise the vehicle will be on campus without a hangtag/decal. After business hours, call 678-839-6629 and follow instructions on the Parking Services voice mail, or email parking@westga.edu. Individuals must include ID number (917) and all vehicle information including make, model, and tag number. Citations for non-registered vehicles parked in their correct zone after-hours will be excused if a message is left or email is received by Parking Services prior to the issuance of the citation.

III. PARKING REGULATIONS

Students, Faculty, Staff, and Visitors must abide by the parking regulations at all times when on the campus of the University of West Georgia.

A. UWG Definitions

Motorcycle - a motorized 2-wheel vehicle with an engine size of 50 cc. or greater. Certificate of origin must state: “Manufactured for lawful highway use”. A special decal will be issued for motorcycles.

Scooter - motorized 2-wheel vehicle with an engine size of less than 50 cc.

Motorized Cart - a cart-type vehicle that is powered by an electric or internal-combustion engine which is generally used to transport people. These include, but are not limited to, golf carts, utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), low-speed vehicles (LSVs), and utility carts.

B. Regulations

1. The Parking Code is in effect at all times.
2. Motorcycles must park in a regular parking space and in the same manner as an automobile. Two (2) motorcycles may park in one (1) vehicle parking space in the appropriate zone. Motorcycles are prohibited from driving on sidewalks or around parking control gates.
3. Scooters are only allowed to park in bicycle racks on campus.
4. Overnight or extended parking of campers, vans, buses, etc. utilized as living and sleeping quarters within the university’s boundaries is not permitted unless approved by the Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services.
5. Parallel parking against the flow of traffic on the street is prohibited.
6. Parking meter hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Parking meters are available to anyone; however, hangtags/decals must be displayed for faculty/staff and currently enrolled students. Meters accept nickels, dimes and quarters only. Time is purchased at the rate of ten cents for ten minutes. Depending upon the meter, the maximum number of minutes which can be purchased is limited regardless of the amount of coins inserted. All meters have a maximum of 30 minutes except the Bookstore meters which have a maximum of 40 minutes. Expired meter citations can be issued twice a day if a vehicle is not moved from a metered space within a four-hour period.
7. If a vehicle becomes inoperable in an area other than an authorized parking area, the operator should notify Parking Services at 678-839-6629 as soon as possible along with the approximate length of time before the vehicle will be moved. Parking Services does not provide roadside assistance services. The owner is liable for all parking citations issued before Parking Services is notified. The time limit for inoperable vehicles on campus is 48 hours. After 48 hours, the vehicle will be towed from campus at the owner’s expense.
8. Special parking permissions may be granted by Parking Services for short periods of time for loading and
unloading. The maximum length of this time is 15 minutes.

9. Police and/or service vehicles may stop or park irrespective of the parking regulations while performing necessary official business. Service vehicles may not be left unattended blocking a fire hydrant or traffic flow or access for persons with disabilities.

10. Service spaces are limited to use by the university service vehicles, personal vehicles with valid permits, and contractors/vendors on official business.

11. Parking is at the risk of the driver. The University does not carry insurance for damage or loss to vehicles or contents. It is recommended that individuals:
   a. Avoid leaving valuable items in vehicles.
   b. Call University Police (678-839-6000) to report damaged or stolen property.
   c. Pay attention to warning signs and park away from athletic fields.

12. UWG motorized carts:
   a. Parking is permitted in:
      (1) Parking lots in accordance with the other sections of this code.
      (2) Cart spaces that have been constructed for this purpose.
   b. Parking is prohibited:
      (1) On landscaped and lawn areas.
      (2) In front of electrical transformers and other equipment that could require immediate access.
      (3) On sidewalks, ramps, and other conveyances that serve pedestrian traffic or serve as a means of egress from a building.
      (4) On streets, driveways, and parking lot access points, unless in designated parking spots.
      (5) In any manner, that would impede emergency responders.
      (6) In any location that would impede the normal operations of the campus.

IV. IMPOUNDMENT

Motor vehicles in violation of Article B of the Parking Code may be impounded at the owner’s expense. The vehicle operator/owner is responsible for any wrecker fees and storage fees except where noted.

A. A release form must be obtained in order to regain possession of an impounded vehicle. The form may be obtained from Parking Services from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, or the University Police (678-839-6000) from 5 p.m. until 7:30 a.m., Monday–Thursday, and from 5 p.m. Friday through 7:30 a.m. Monday, and during university holidays.

B. Vehicles may be impounded for any of the following reasons:
   1. Non-Registered vehicles having three or more unpaid parking fines.
   2. Vehicles parked in such a manner to create a fire/safety hazard or obstruct the free flow of traffic.
   3. Parking in designated tow-away zones, at red curb areas, blocking a fire hydrant, on or blocking a sidewalk, in handicapped spaces (unauthorized) or blocking a handicapped ramp or curb cut, or on the grass, lawns, or athletic fields.
   4. In case of emergency or in the interest of public safety.
   5. After attempted contact with the owner, when a vehicle is presumed to be abandoned, or in a visible state of disrepair.
   6. Vehicles that have five (5) outstanding violations may be impounded.
V. PARKING AREA COLOR CODING AND DESIGNATIONS

A. The following curb/surface color scheme, and/or appropriate signs, shall designate parking on campus. In the event of a discrepancy between a sign and a curb color, the sign shall take precedence.
1. **Yellow** - No parking zone anytime. Violators are subject to citation and impoundment.
2. **Red** - Emergency lanes. No parking anytime. Violators are subject to citation and impoundment.
3. **Green** - Faculty/staff parking.
4. **White** - Open parking for all currently registered vehicles (except Residential Freshmen from Monday at 7:00 a.m. through Friday at 5:00 p.m.).
5. **Blue** – Accessibility (Disabilities) parking. Enforced 24/7. Individuals without special accessibility decals or accessibility hangtags are subject to citation and impoundment.
7. **Visitors** - Visitor parking. Enforced 24/7. Faculty, staff, and students may neither park their personal nor service vehicles in designated visitor spaces at any time. Violators are subject to citation and impoundment.

B. **Faculty/Staff parking** is in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday unless otherwise designated by signage (for example the Humanities Parking Lot is open parking after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends) on class days and during final examination periods. This is to include fee payment, pre-registration, registration, and drop/add days. Faculty/Staff parking becomes open parking for students between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; with the exception of parking reserved 24/7, such as reserved for Deans or those areas marked by signage (e.g. Back Campus Drive) or gates.

C. **Student-Zoned parking** is in effect 24/7.
1. Student “E” permits may park in the 24-hour restricted areas EAST of Foster Street. These areas are designated by signs and include the residential areas of Gunn Hall, Bowdon Hall and The Oaks.
2. Student “W” permits may park in the 24 hour restricted areas WEST of Brumbelow Road. These areas are designated by signs and include the residential areas of Tyus Hall, University Suites, Center Pointe Suites, and Arbor View Apartments.
3. Student “C” permits may park in restricted Commuter lots.
4. Student “E,” “W,” “C,” and Faculty/Staff permits are authorized to park in any designated Open Parking Lot designated either by white curb color or signage.
5. Student “G/V” permits are authorized to park in the Greek Village Housing Complex or in any designated Open Parking lot. Student “E,” “W,” “C,” and “RF” permits are not authorized to park in the Greek Village Housing Complex.
6. **Student “RF”** - **Please See “Special Instructions for Residential Freshmen” section below.**
7. Any student moving from one residence hall or other zoned area to a different zoned area except Residential Freshmen must get a replacement hangtag from Parking Services. There will be NO charge for a replacement hangtag provided the original hangtag is surrendered to Parking Services.
8. Residence Life Coordinators and Residence Directors, are issued a special decal to attach to their hangtag, which permits them to park in certain restricted parking spaces identified by signs. These spaces or decals are not to be “loaned” to ANYONE.
9. Loading/Unloading spaces are for residents only with a parking limit of 20 minutes. Violators will be ticketed and may be towed at the discretion of Parking Services.
10. Graduate Assistants (G/A) are permitted to park only in the gated Townsend Center lot and other Open lots.
D. Special Instructions for Residential Freshmen

Residential Freshmen (RF) will only park at either the Residential Freshmen parking lots at the Athletic Complex (Parking Lots C, D, E, G) or the designated spaces of the Evergreen and Tyus Hall Parking Lots from Monday at 7:00 a.m. until Friday at 1:00 p.m. Prior to home football game days and other designated events, Residential Freshmen will receive detailed instructions to temporarily move their vehicles to other lots on campus without penalty. The failure to follow these instructions will result in citations or impoundment.

E. Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces

These publically available spaces are reserved for electric vehicles (EV) only. EVs must be in active session connected to the charger to use the spaces. Any non-electric vehicles or EVs not in active session are subject to citation and impoundment.

VI. PARKING APPEALS

A. Time Limit

All appeals must be made within ten (10) business days of the date of the citation.

B. Appeals Procedure

1. All appeals must be submitted following the instructions located at the Parking Services website: http://www.westga.edu/parking/index_21932.php or at the Parking Services Office, located in Row Hall.

2. Students, Faculty, and Staff must include their campus email address on the appeal form submitted.

3. Appeals may be submitted through the following:
   a. Online………..https://parking.westga.edu/ticket.php
   b. In-person……submit to Parking Services office located at Row Hall (must have citation attached to appeal form)
      Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. except holidays
   c. Mail…………..Parking Services
      University of West Georgia
      1601 Maple Street
      Carrollton, GA 30118 (must have citation attached to appeal form)
   d. Fax…………….678-839-5504 (must have citation attached to appeal form)

4. There is no hearing to attend. Therefore, any evidence or documentation must be submitted with the appeal form.

5. Individuals should clearly explain their situation.

6. The following citations and/or explanations cannot be appealed:
   a. Yellow curb violation
   b. Fire lane/Red curb violation
   c. Fire hydrant violation
   d. Persons with disabilities parking space violations
   e. Meter violations
f. Unable to find a space  
g. Lack of knowledge of the regulations (e.g., new to campus or have not reviewed the regulations).  
h. Other vehicles were parked improperly.  
i. Only parking illegally for a short period time  
j. Late to class or appointment  
k. Inability to pay the amount of the fine.  
l. Displaying someone else’s hangtag  

7. Notification of appeal decisions are made via-email sent to the campus email address submitted with the appeal.  

C. Appeal Judge  
1. Appeals will be reviewed and a decision rendered by an administrative Appeal Judge appointed by the Vice President for Business and Finance. The Appeal Judge shall be empowered to render either of the following rulings on all appeals:  
a. The citation appeal is granted.  
b. The citation appeal is denied.  
2. The Appeal Judge may use discretion to waive or reduce fines.  

D. Parking Appeals Committee  
1. The Parking Appeals Committee is composed of the Student Judicial Chairperson, one Faculty Member and one Staff Member (who are appointed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs). No member is affiliated with Parking Services or University Police. No member of the committee or the Appeals Judge may rule on or approve their own parking citation appeal.  
2. All Appeal Judge’s decisions, including relevant information, will be forwarded to the Parking Appeals Committee for review.  
3. The Parking Appeals Committee will review the decision of the Appeal Judge to ensure that correct interpretation of the parking code is being applied.  
4. The Parking Appeals Committee shall be empowered to render either of the following rulings on the decision rendered by the appeal judge:  
a. The ruling of the Appeal Judge is upheld  
b. The ruling of the Appeal Judge is waived and/or modified.  
5. Within the constraints of Board of Regents policy, the decisions of the Parking Appeals Committee are final.  

VII. SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PAYMENTS  

Per University registration policy, students must clear all holds (including parking) and pay all fees before registering.  

All student citations issued on or after January 1, 2012 must be paid (cash or check) in the Bursar’s Office located on the first floor of Aycock Hall. UWG students can also pay citations through their Banweb account with debit or credit card. Holds are placed on University of West Georgia student accounts until paid in full or citation(s) are resolved. Hours of operation and payment information can be found on the Bursar’s Office
website at [http://www.westga.edu/bursar/](http://www.westga.edu/bursar/). Please note: All citations issued before January 1, 2012 must be paid in the Parking Services office located in Row Hall.

A. The schedule of fines and payments is as follows:
   1. Counterfeiting a hangtag with intent to defraud, obtaining a hangtag by fraudulent means……….$100.00 (displaying someone else’s hangtag)
   2. Altering any Parking Services permanent or temporary permit…………………………………….$100.00
   3. Obtaining a hangtag/decal for an unauthorized person……………………………………………….$100.00
   4. Falsely registering a vehicle…………………………………………………………………………….$100.00
   5. Unauthorized parking in a handicap space or falsely using an official State-issued handicap hangtag (subject to impoundment)………………………………………………………………………….$100.00
   6. Restricted Parking includes: Parking at a fire hydrant/fire lane, blocking a dumpster, roadway, service vehicle space, loading dock, Electric Vehicle Space, reserved space or any other designated/signed tow-away zone (subject to impoundment)………………………………………………………………………….$50.00
   7. Faculty/Staff designated areas………………………………………………………………………….$35.00
   8. Parking on yellow curb………………………………………………………………………………….$35.00
   9. Parking in restricted student zone areas……………………………………………………………….$35.00
  10. Parking meter violations……………………………………………………………………………….$25.00
  11. Non-registered vehicle………………………………………………………………………………….$20.00
  12. Failure to display a valid hangtag…………………………………………………………………….$20.00
  13. Displaying expired hangtag…………………………………………………………………………….$20.00
  14. Parking on a sidewalk, lawn area, driveway, athletic field (subject to impoundment)…………….$35.00
  15. Parking against the flow of traffic…………………………………………………………………….$25.00
  16. Hangtag improperly displayed/obstructed from view……………………………………………….$20.00
  17. Double parking………………………………………………………………………………………….$10.00
  18. Parking on or outside of white line or out of space………………………………………………….$10.00
  19. Unauthorized use of “Special Parking Permit for Meters and Service Spaces”………………….$10.00

If you have any questions or need additional information, call Parking Services at 678-839-6629 or visit our website at [http://westga.edu/parking](http://westga.edu/parking).

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