

2.7 Campus Traffic and Parking

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) regulates traffic and parking on its campuses as a necessary component of the management and administration of the institution.

Purpose/Definitions:

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure an orderly flow of traffic and parking at all campus locations, which is essential to efficient daily operations of the College.

Definitions

N/A

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College's Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO has monitoring authority.

Procedure:

Section 1: General Provisions

- 1.1. The operator of any vehicle shall obey the lawful instruction of any authorized employee of PCC and any official traffic sign or control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.
 - 1.1.1. Vehicles, other than service vehicles with authorization, are prohibited from driving or parking in locations other than established roadways or parking areas.
- 1.2. The College is not responsible for any motor vehicle or its contents while parked on campus.

- 1.2.1. The operator assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the College will not be liable under any circumstances for injury to person, or loss or damage to property.
- 1.2.2. All accidents or thefts involving motor vehicles or their contents occurring on the College campus should be immediately reported to College Safety or to the Switchboard.
- 1.3. Nothing in these traffic rules and regulations shall be deemed to prohibit service vehicles, or their agents or any utility company, from making their stops for the establishment and maintenance of streets, grounds, water supply, and utility lines.

Section 2: Parking for Handicapped Persons

- 2.1. Handicapped persons must obtain and display a special handicap permit from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles in order to park in spaces designated for the handicapped.
- 2.2. Handicapped parking is available in campus parking lots.
- 2.3. The Sheriff's Department will enforce N.C. law by issuing citations for illegal parking in handicapped spaces.

Section 3: Parking Regulations

- 3.1. To allow for proper identification of vehicles on campus, employees and students shall obtain and display a parking decal at all times.
- 3.2. To effectively utilize and control available campus parking spaces and facilities for the benefit and maximum convenience of visitors, students, and employees:
 - 3.2.1. No person shall stop, idle, or park any vehicle in any street or roadway except for the purpose of parking or stopping as established in these regulations, unless such stop is made necessary by
 - 3.2.1.1. the approach of an emergency vehicle
 - 3.2.1.2. the approach of any procession which is given the right-of-way
 - 3.2.1.3. the stopping of a public conveyance
 - 3.2.1.4. the giving of traffic signals
 - 3.2.1.5. the passing of some other vehicle or pedestrian

- 3.2.1.6. some emergency; and in any case covered by these exceptions, obstruct any crosswalk, walkway, or intersection
- 3.2.2. No person shall park a vehicle at any time on campus except in spaces marked or designated for parking.
 - 3.2.2.1. Where signs are placed, erected, or installed, giving notice thereof, or the curbing or street has been painted in such manner as to give notice in lieu of signs,
 - 3.2.2.1.1. such areas are designated as no parking areas, and
 - 3.2.2.1.2. no person shall park in these designated areas or places unless authorized to do so by proper authority.
 - 3.2.2.2. Where a particular angle or manner of parking is indicated in a parking area or parking lot by signs or markings,
 - 3.2.2.2.1. no person shall park a vehicle except at the angle or in the manner so indicated; and
 - 3.2.2.2.2. no vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to occupy more than the space indicated with lines, signs, or markings for one vehicle.
- 3.2.3. Parking in the following places is hereby prohibited:
 - 3.2.3.1. on sidewalks or walkways, except by permission of the Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO
 - 3.2.3.2. on grass or lawns
 - 3.2.3.3. in front of a public driveway
 - 3.2.3.4. within an intersection or crosswalk
 - 3.2.3.5. in the roadway beside any vehicle, i.e., double parking, whether the vehicle is parked parallel or horizontal, unless zoned for legal parking
 - 3.2.3.6. in driving lanes of parking areas, when such lanes are clearly indicated, or on the grass or in landscaped areas
 - 3.2.3.7. in the approaches or other portions of a parking area which are not clearly marked for parking
 - 3.2.3.8. in service entrances or trash receptacle areas

3.2.4. No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any street, parking space, parking lot, parking area, roadway, alley, or driveway for the principal purpose of:

- 3.2.4.1. displaying the vehicle for sale
- 3.2.4.2. washing, servicing, or repairing the vehicle, except in the case of repairs necessitated by an emergency or as conducted by college service personnel
- 3.2.4.3. storage which is not incident to the bona fide use and operation of the vehicle
- 3.2.4.4. storage of any detached trailer or semi-trailer when the towing unit has been disconnected, except when permission is granted by the Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO

Section 4: Parking Penalties for Non-Handicapped Areas

4.1. The following acts shall constitute a violation of parking regulations:

- 4.1.1. parking in a no-parking area, such as a restricted parking lot or an unmarked parking space (whether on pavement or grass),
- 4.1.2. parking in a reserved parking space,
- 4.1.3. blocking access to a building or driveway, or
- 4.1.4. abandoning a vehicle on campus without authorization for more than 24 hours

4.2. Violation of parking regulations shall be punishable as follows:

- 4.2.1. For the first three violations, a written warning will be placed on the motor vehicle.
 - 4.2.1.1. These violations will be tracked by the College Safety Office.
- 4.2.2. For the fourth violation or any thereafter, the motor vehicle will be towed from campus at the owner's expense.
 - 4.2.2.1. The local law enforcement 911 "next list" determines which towing company will be contacted.
 - 4.2.2.2. Individual towing companies are employed, in turn, in sequential order.

Section 5: Immediate Towing of Vehicles at Owner's Expense

- 5.1. The Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO or designee shall have the authority to impound or remove to a place of storage at the owner's expense any vehicle stopped or parked that blocks the normal movement of traffic, creates a safety hazard, or endangers life and property.
- 5.2. Other grounds for impounding or removal include parking in an area reserved for a special event, using an authorized or unauthorized parking place for dormant storage, or parking an unauthorized vehicle in a reserved or visitor parking space.
- 5.3. Any vehicle whose operation and parking privileges have been suspended from the campus or any vehicle illegally parked in areas designated by signs and/or painted lines as "No Parking" areas will also be subject to impoundment or removal.

Section 6: Operation of Vehicles

- 6.1. Speed limit(s) on campus shall be determined and fixed by Trustees pursuant to [N.C.G.S. 115D-14](#).
- 6.2. Signs indicating the speed limit(s) will be displayed in places where they may be easily seen.
 - 6.2.1. In lieu of posted signs, the campus speed limit is 15 miles per hour.
- 6.3. When "Stop" signs or signals are erected upon parking lots, streets, roadways, or alleys of the campus, every driver of a vehicle shall stop at every sign or signal or at a clearly marked pedestrian crossing stop line before entering the street or intersection.
- 6.4. The penalty for violation of any of the regulations prescribed in this policy shall be a criminal penalty as provided by [North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 20](#).

Section 7: Application of North Carolina General Statute

- 7.1. [North Carolina General Statute 115D-21\(a\)](#) regulates motor vehicle operation on the Piedmont Community College campuses.
 - 7.1.1. These regulations are intended only to supplement the statewide motor vehicle laws, all provisions of which, under the terms of N.C.G.S. 115D-21(a).
 - 7.1.2. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to the operators of all public or private vehicles, and these provisions will be in force twenty-four hours a day except as herein provided.

- 7.2. All the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes relating to the use of highways of the State of North Carolina and the operation of motor vehicles thereon shall apply to the streets, roads, alleys and driveways on the campuses of all institutions in the North Carolina Community College System.
- 7.3. Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes in or on the streets, roads, alleys and driveways on the campuses of institutions in the North Carolina Community College System shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as prescribed in this section and as provided by Chapter 20 of the General Statutes relating to motor vehicles.
- 7.4. Furthermore, law enforcement officers of the state of North Carolina are hereby authorized to enforce the aforesaid laws on the campus and parking lots of Piedmont Community College.

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