

Proposed Amendments
of
The University of Tennessee - 1720
The University of Tennessee at Martin

1720-5-6
Traffic and Parking Regulations

Presented herein are proposed amendments of The University of Tennessee submitted pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-202, in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of The University of Tennessee to promulgate these amendments without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed amendments are published. Such petition to be effective must be filed in Room 719, Andy Holt Tower, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-0170, and in the Department of State, 8th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the amendments, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the amendments, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact Ronald C. Leadbetter, Associate General Counsel, The University of Tennessee, Office of General Counsel, 719 Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0170, telephone number (865) 974-3247.

The text of the proposed amendments is as follows:

Amendments

Chapter 1720-5-6 is amended by deleting the current language and substituting new language so that, as amended, the chapter shall read:

Chapter 1720-5-6
Traffic and Parking Regulations

1720-5-6-.01	Registration of Vehicles
1720-5-6-.02	Parking
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1720-5-6-.01 Registration of Vehicles.

- (1) All motor vehicles operated by faculty, staff and students in connection with their employment or attendance at UTM must be registered at the UTM Department of Public Safety.
- (2) All persons employed by other agencies who regularly use University facilities must annually register their vehicles with the University. "Vendor" decals will be used for this purpose. "Honorary" decals will be issued to all retired University personnel and

"Special Guests" decals may be issued to all others who do not fit the vendor classification.

- (3) Vehicle registration decals are issued at the time of student registration and must be properly displayed.
- (4) Faculty and staff vehicle registration and collection of associated fees will be conducted prior to the beginning of each Fall Semester and will be valid for the entire academic year. Vehicle registration will not be completed until the previous year's citations have been cleared. New employees will be required to pay the registration fee at the time of their employment.
- (5) Student vehicle registration and collection of associated fees must be renewed at, or prior to, the beginning of each fall quarter and will be valid for the entire academic year.
- (6) Student vehicle registrations must be completed prior to the first day of classes, or within 24 hours for those who enroll at a subsequent date or acquire a vehicle.
- (7) Students who meet certain requirements may register vehicles as staff. To register as a staff member the student must teach eight (8) semester hours or have a 40 hour work week specified on appointment papers. The registration of student vehicles as staff members will be by agreement between the appropriate department chairman or dean and the Department of Public Safety.
- (8) The annual vehicle registration decal will be provided at no cost to anyone qualifying for a permanent handicap sticker.
- (9) The person to whom a vehicle is registered is responsible for that vehicle and all violation citations issued thereto. If the person operating the vehicle is other than the registrant when a violation is committed, both he and the registrant may be cited.
- (10) Expired campus registration decals must be removed or covered so that only the current registration decals are displayed.
- (11) Staff parking privileges are intended for the convenience of Staff and Faculty members only. Students whose parents are staff members at UTM must purchase student decals if their cars are their own, but if the cars are owned by the staff parent then staff decals are permissible, provided the student drivers park in student lots. Anyone displaying staff decals in order to park in a staff parking lot must also possess a valid Faculty or Staff I.D. card.

1720-5-6-.02 Parking.

- (1) Staff parking areas are designated for all academic buildings. Students are not to park in these areas.
- (2) Student parking areas are designated by letter, e.g., C-Commuting students. Student's vehicles may be parked only in lots designated on registration decal.
- (3) Parking lot designations are not applicable from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. nor on weekends except where posted. The designations are for the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1720-5-6-.03 Vehicle Operation.

- (1) All persons operating vehicles on University property or in the campus area, which includes city streets adjacent to University property, must be properly licensed operators.
- (2) Pedestrians have the right-of-way at established pedestrian crossings, except where regulated by traffic control lights or police officers.
- (3) Under normal conditions the maximum speed limit on campus streets is 15 mph and 30 mph on the city streets. However, vehicles may not be operated at any speed which is excessive for the conditions which may exist as a result of weather, traffic congestion, pedestrians, etc.
- (4) Traffic control signs and directions of police officers must be obeyed.
- (5) All persons operating vehicles are responsible for maintaining control of the vehicle, safe operation, and observance of traffic control signs, barriers and devices.
- (6) Operating or parking a motor vehicle in any area other than a street, roadway, or parking lot intended for motor vehicles is prohibited.

1720-5-6-.04 Violations.

- (1) Registration.
 - (a) Vehicles not registered.
 - (b) Registration decals not properly affixed to vehicle.
 - (c) Decals affixed on vehicle other than vehicle for which it is issued.
 - (d) Unauthorized possession of registration decals.
 - (e) Falsification of registration information.
 - (f) Illegal use, reproduction, or alteration of registration decals.
 - (g) A student vehicle can only be registered in one classification: commuter, non-commuter, or Martin Place.
- (2) Parking.
 - (a) In no parking areas, loading zones, or on grass.
 - (b) In unauthorized areas.
 - (c) In such a manner as to block or obstruct traffic, street, sidewalk, driveway, fire hydrant, building entrance or exit, or another vehicle.
 - (d) In areas where curb is painted yellow or where not marked as a parking area with painted white lines.
 - (e) Vehicles parked in such a manner as to prohibit the emptying of trash dumpsters will be towed away at the owner's expense.

- (f) Handicap violation.
- (3) Moving.
 - (a) Exceeding posted speed limit.
 - (b) Excessive speed for existing conditions.
 - (c) Failure to obey traffic control sign or signal.
 - (d) Failure to obey police officer.
 - (e) Operating vehicle without valid operator's license.
 - (f) Driving off of roadway or street.
 - (g) Reckless driving and/or racing.
 - (h) Failure to yield right-of-way at pedestrian crossing.
 - (i) Leaving scene of accident.
 - (j) Failure to signal turn or stop.
 - (k) Following too closely.
 - (l) Operating mechanically unsafe vehicle.
 - (m) Driving while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
 - (n) Operating vehicle causing loud or unnecessary noise, such as loud mufflers, horns, P.A. systems, etc.

1720-5-6-.05 Penalties.

- (1) Violation Fees.
 - (a) Parking violations – \$15.00 each except handicap parking violations are \$100.00 each. If citation is not paid within 14 days from date of issuance a \$10.00 late charge will be added.
 - (b) Speeding or reckless driving violations – Offenders will be charged on City or State warrants.
- (2) Disciplinary Action.
 - (a) Students who persist in violating these regulations or commit a single violation surrounded by aggravated circumstances will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for disciplinary action.
 - (b) If more than five tickets are issued in one semester, the privilege of operating a vehicle on campus will be lost for the remainder of that semester. A person who, after having been notified that he has lost this privilege, continues to operate a vehicle on campus will have his vehicle towed away.

- (c) Any student having outstanding tickets (tickets which have not been paid) will not be allowed to register for further work until all such charges have been paid.

No transcripts or other information will be made available for such students who are seeking entrance into other institutions.

1720-5-6-.06 Appeals.

- (1) Appeals must be made within fourteen days of the date of citation issuance.
- (2) Citations may be appealed to the Traffic Office and then to the Traffic Appeals Board. The Traffic Appeals Board, which is composed of faculty, staff and students, meets each semester.

1720-5-6-.07 Restrictions.

- (1) University streets or grounds may not be used by any firm, corporation, or unauthorized person for advertising or commercial purposes.

1720-5-6-.08 Pedestrian Regulations.

- (1) Students and staff members must not endanger their safety or constitute an unreasonable impediment to lawful vehicular traffic by crossing streets at other than authorized lanes or by willfully walking or congregating in the streets.

1720-5-6-.09 Special Occasions and Emergencies.

- (1) On special occasions, such as athletic events, concerts, and graduation exercises, and in emergencies, parking and traffic limitations may be imposed by the Department of Public Safety as required by the conditions which prevail.

Authority: T.C.A. § 49-9-209(e).

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 5th day of January, 2007, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of an appropriate petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the May 31, 2007. (01-01-07)