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**NOTICE OF REGULATION MAKING
PROPOSED REGULATION**

REGULATION NO.: FIU-1105

REGULATION TITLE: University Traffic and Parking Rules

SUMMARY: This Regulation is a revised version to reflect changes in eligibility for the different decals, increases in the amounts charged for original decals, temporary permits and vendors and contractors fees, and availability of paying fines on the website.

TEXT OF REGULATION: The full text of the Proposed Regulation is provided below.

AUTHORITY: Resolution of the Florida Board of Governors dated January 7, 2003, 1001.74(35), 1006.66 FS.

NAME OF PERSON INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION: Vivian Sanchez, CFO and Sr. Vice President.

ANY PERSON SEEKING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REGULATION MUST SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONTACT PERSON WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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FIU-1105 University Traffic and Parking Rules.

(1) General. This rule is applicable to all persons who operate or park a motor vehicle on the campuses of Florida International University. All Miami-Dade County traffic and parking ordinances which are not in conflict or inconsistent with University

regulations and all provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, shall extend and be applicable to the University's campuses. The Department of Parking and Transportation is authorized and empowered to enforce all University parking and traffic regulations. The University Public Safety Department is authorized and empowered to enforce University regulations, all county ordinances and state laws. Copies of the University parking and traffic regulations are available from the Department of Parking and Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, the Visitor Information Center and through the Florida International University web site URL <http://parking.fiu.edu>. The University assumes no liability for vehicles parked or operated on University property. The issuance of a decal or permit does not guarantee a place to park.

(2) Registration of Motor Vehicles. Vehicles used by members of the faculty, staff, students, (full or part-time), concessionaire employees and others who regularly operate a vehicle on campus must be registered with the Department of Parking and Transportation during the first day the vehicle is on campus. Vehicle registrations expire on the expiration date indicated on decal or permit. All visitors must use parking meters unless a parking permit has been provided by a University representative. Any motor vehicle parked on University property must display a valid University parking decal or parking permit. Use of a motor vehicle on University property is a privilege, not a right and is made available only under this rule.

(a) Decals.

1. Faculty/Staff: A Faculty/Staff parking decal must be obtained for each vehicle which is, or may be, parked on the University's campuses. Decals are issued according to the classifications contained in these regulations. A decal will be issued by the Department of Parking and Transportation, upon the following conditions:

- a. The owner or driver registers the vehicle with the Department of Parking and Transportation.
- b. The owner or driver, unless otherwise exempt, pays the appropriate fee and provides proof of the decal classification to which he or she is entitled.
- c. The owner or driver settles all outstanding parking and traffic fines and fees before a current decal or permit will be issued.
- d. When two or more persons who are employed by the University reside in the same household and register more than one vehicle, each is required to purchase a separate original decal; duplicate decals will not be issued for either person except upon proof of replacement of the originally registered vehicle. If two or more persons travel together in one vehicle, only one decal is required but a duplicate decal cannot be purchased except upon proof of replacement of the originally registered vehicle.

2. Students: Students will pay a Transportation Access Fee per semester. A student decal will be issued by the Department of Parking and Transportation to each student under the following conditions, and it is the students' responsibility to properly display the current decal in accordance with this rule.

- a. The student must be currently enrolled at the University.

b. The student must provide a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle on which the decal will be placed.

c. The student must settle all outstanding parking and traffic fines and fees.

3. Decal Classifications: The issuance of decals is restricted to the classifications specified in these rules. The following decal classifications are in effect:

a. Faculty/Staff -- An "F/S" decal is available only to persons currently employed as regular or adjunct faculty; Administrative and Professional staff; University Support Personnel System employees and as Other Personal Services employees. Individuals who are currently employed by vendors or contractors with the University, or who are otherwise required by contract to obtain a decal, are also entitled to obtain a decal in this classification. A semester decal is available to faculty/staff persons who wish to purchase a decal on a semester only basis.

b. Student -- An "S" decal will be issued to those persons who are currently enrolled as students. For purposes of this rule, a person shall be considered a student regardless of the number of hours or courses for which he or she is enrolled at the University. Students residing in the University's housing complexes are required to display a current semester housing sticker in addition to the current student decal or hang-tag. ~~Students employed at the University at least thirty five (35) hours a week may elect to purchase a faculty/staff decal.~~

c. Alumni -- An "ALUM" decal is available to FIU graduates who are not currently enrolled at the University and entitles the holder to park in spaces designated for student parking.

d. Administrative -- An "A" decal is available ~~only to those employees~~ persons who desire a higher level of parking service or have special parking needs based upon work requirements.

e. Executive -- An "E" decal is available ~~only to those employees who are given written authorization by the President~~ persons who desire the highest level of parking service or convenience.

f. Duplicate/Replacement Decal -- A Duplicate/Replacement decal is available to ~~faculty/staff~~ persons who have purchased an original decal for that semester or ~~the current~~ academic year. This category is for additionally owned vehicles used alternately and for situations where the original decal must be replaced due to an accident, the re-painting of the vehicle, stolen vehicles, etc. The address on the vehicle registration for the second vehicle must be the same as that on the registration of the vehicle listed on the original decal application. A vehicle with a duplicate decal is not permitted on campus at the same time as the vehicle with the original decal.

g. Duplicate Hang-tag -- A Duplicate hang-tag is available to students who have been issued an original decal for the current year. This hang-tag must be displayed on the vehicle that the hang-tag is registered for. This category is for additionally owned vehicles used alternately and for situations where the original decal must be replaced due to an accident, the re-painting of the vehicle, stolen vehicles, etc. The address on the vehicle registration for the second vehicle must be the same as that on the registration of the vehicle listed on the original decal application. A vehicle with a duplicate hang-tag is not permitted on campus at the same time as the vehicle with the original decal.

h. Validity of Duplicate Hang-Tags -- Duplicate hang-tags are valid for one academic school year, unless the student purchases a two-year duplicate hang-tag. The fee for the two-year duplicate hang-tag is \$25.00 **exclusive of sales tax.**

4. Decal Registration Fees:

a. Decals must be purchased and affixed each year. Annual executive, administrative, faculty/staff, and corresponding duplicate decals expire October 31st of each year. Faculty/Staff semester decals expire at the end of each semester for which they are issued. Alumni decals and duplicate hang-tags expire August 31st of each year. The following are the annual registration fees, exclusive of sales tax, for each decal classification:

	Original	Duplicate /Replacement
Executive	\$738.00 <u>812.00</u>	\$30.00
Administrative	\$334.00 <u>367.00</u>	\$20.00
Faculty/Staff		
(Annual base pay over \$45,000)	\$191.00 <u>210.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff		
(Annual base pay over \$35,000)	\$169.00 <u>186.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff		
(Annual base pay over \$25,000)	\$113.00 <u>124.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff		
(Annual base pay \$25,000 and under)	\$100.00 <u>110.00</u>	\$15.00
Alumni	\$175.00 <u>193.00</u>	\$15.00

Student	Fall -	N/A	\$15.00
	Spring -	N/A	\$15.00
	Summer A, B, or C -	N/A	\$15.00

(The fee for a student duplicate hang-tag listed above is for a hang-tag that is valid for only one academic school year. The fee for a two-year student hang- tag is \$25.00 **exclusive of sales tax.**)

b. The following are the semester registration fees, **exclusive of sales tax**, for each decal classification:

Executive		N/A	N/A
Administrative		N/A	N/A
Faculty/Staff			
(Annual base pay over \$45,000)		\$101.00 <u>111.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff			
(Annual base pay over \$35,000)		\$ 89.00 <u>98.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff			
(Annual base pay over \$25,000)		\$ 70.00 <u>77.00</u>	\$15.00
Faculty/Staff			
(Annual base pay \$25,000 and under)		\$ 61.00 <u>67.00</u>	\$15.00-
Alumni		N/A	N/A
Student	Fall -	\$ 61.00 <u>67.00</u>	N/A
	Spring -	\$ 61.00 <u>67.00</u>	N/A

Summer A, B, or C - \$ ~~55.00~~ 61.00 N/A

c. Duplicate/Replacement Decals. If a decal or hang-tag has been lost or stolen, the incident shall be reported to the Department of Parking and Transportation, and a replacement decal or hang tag shall be purchased. A Parking and Transportation Lost or Stolen Decal Affidavit, Form PT #11, effective 5/97, which is incorporated by reference into this rule, must be filled out.

d. Change in Status. Any individual requesting a change in decal classification ~~due to a change in status~~ shall pay the difference between the fee appropriate to the classification currently in effect and that being requested. The old decal or identifiable parts, including numbers, must be returned to the Department of Parking and Transportation for auditing purposes.

e. Non-Refundable Fees. All fees paid for decal registration ~~by faculty/staff persons~~ shall be non-refundable except for instances where a person has mistakenly made a double payment and the request for refund is made within the same academic year in which the payment was made. The Transportation Access Fee paid by the students shall be refunded in the same manner as other student fees are refunded.

(b) Permits and Permit Fees.

1. Temporary permits are issued only by the Department of Parking and Transportation to those persons who require temporary parking authorization and who are not otherwise required by these rules or contract to obtain a decal. Permits must be applied for and are issued for durations that are commensurate with their purposes. Permits may or may not include the payment of parking fees as provided below.

2. The circumstances under which a permit rather than a decal shall be issued include but are not limited to use of a temporary vehicle; parking on the University's campuses for occasional business-related purposes; parking on the University's campuses for attendance at conferences and meetings; and visitors who are not otherwise required to obtain a decal. Any person who has a current decal and needs to use temporary transportation must obtain a temporary parking permit. Temporary parking permits are issued, free of charge, for a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days.

3. Temporary 30, 60, and 90-day permits are available to persons not otherwise required by these rules or contract to obtain a parking decal. The following are the permit fees, **exclusive of sales tax**:

30-day permit ~~\$20.00~~ 22.00

60-day permit ~~\$36.00~~ 40.00

90-day permit ~~\$54.00~~ 60.00

4. Specific visitor, vendor and contractor, and volunteer permits will be issued by the Department of Parking and Transportation upon payment of a fee as follows:

a. Visitor fees. Metered parking is available throughout the University at a cost of 25 cents per 15 minutes except in PC Loading which are 50 cents per 15 minutes. Visitors can also park at the multi-space meters for \$1.00 per hour with a maximum of \$ 6.00 per day. University departments hosting an event can purchase garage visitor permits in advance.–

b. Vendors and Contractors fees. All vendors and contractors conducting business on campus are required to purchase a contractor permit. The following are the

permit fees, **exclusive of sales taxes:**

30-day permit ~~\$20.00~~ 22.00

60-day permit ~~\$36.00~~ 40.00

90-day permit ~~\$54.00~~ 60.00

c. Volunteers' fees. Individuals outside the University who volunteer their time at either campus can purchase a volunteer permit for the following fees **exclusive of sales tax:**

30-day permit \$ 5.00

60-day permit \$10.00

90-day permit \$15.00

(c) Vehicle Registration Exemptions. The following persons shall not be required to register their vehicles with the Department of Parking & Transportation:

1. Representatives of news media on official business.

2. Members of the Florida International University Board of Trustees who are on campus to attend meetings and functions of the Board of Trustees. Trustees shall be issued identification which shall be prominently displayed in their vehicles.

3. Members of the FIU Foundation Board of Directors who are on campus to attend meetings and functions of the Foundation. Directors shall be issued identification which shall be prominently displayed in their vehicles.

(3) Decal, Traffic and Parking Regulations, Golf Cart and Garage Parking.

(a) Decal Regulations.

1. Display of Decal. Each driver who regularly parks a vehicle on campus shall display a valid decal, hang-tag, or permit. It is the responsibility of the driver to properly

display a hang-tag, decal or permit so it is easily visible and readable. Failure to display it correctly may result in a violation for not having a valid decal, hang-tag or permit.

2. Decals shall be permanently affixed to the outside of the vehicle on the left side either on the rear bumper, or the outside of the window. Decals must be permanently affixed and not altered. For unusually constructed vehicles, decals shall also be permanently affixed in the manner directed by the Department of Parking and Transportation. Housing stickers shall be permanently affixed adjacent to the current student decal or on the bottom square of the hang-tag.

3. The entire decal, hang-tag, or permit must be displayed unaltered.

4. It is a violation of these rules to transfer a decal, hang-tag or permit from one vehicle to another; alter a decal, hang-tag or permit, falsify documents to obtain a decal, hang-tag or permit or otherwise obtain or display a decal, hang-tag or permit in violation of the University rules and regulations. Any such act shall constitute decal fraud and will cause the decal, hang-tag or permit to be revoked.

(b) Traffic Regulations:

1. Speed Limit. The speed limit on University property is 25 miles per hour on main roads unless otherwise posted. The speed limit inside the garage is 5 mph. Speed limit inside surface lots is as posted.

2. Right-of-Way. Pedestrians and wildlife have the right-of-way over motor vehicles, including golf-carts. Pedestrians must use crosswalks when crossing a roadway.

3. Barriers. Barriers may be placed by the University at any point deemed necessary for specific temporary use. Except as required for the passage of emergency vehicles, removal of any such barrier without permission is prohibited.

4. Enforcement Directives. A directive given by a police officer or parking patroller or designee supersedes the regulations posted by sign or signal.

(c) Golf-Carts:

1. Golf-carts are restricted by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Florida International University for use on facility premises only. Golf-carts are used primarily for the Transportation of persons or cargo, are designed and regulated to be operated at speeds of less than 25 miles per hour, and are generally recognizable as a passenger or utility type cart, vehicle, club car or conveyance.

2. Any person who operates a golf-cart on University premises is deemed, by so doing, to have the knowledge, training and skill to safely operate this vehicle and shall be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof.

3. Golf-cart Enforcement. Golf-carts shall be operated in accordance with the following specific rules:

a. Golf-carts shall not be parked within 6-8 feet of the entrance or exit of any building, except at loading docks or approved designated golf-cart parking spaces.

b. Operators shall stop golf-carts at all blind intersections and sound their horns before proceeding.

c. Golf-carts shall not be parked or operated in any manner likely to obstruct or interfere with the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in heavily traveled areas.

d. Operators shall not stop for any extended period of time in the middle of roads and walkways. Golf-carts shall not be parked on pedestrian crosswalks.

e. Safety precautions shall be taken while driving golf-carts through parking lots.

f. Golf-carts shall not be driven through buildings except: 1) under circumstances of police or medical emergency, 2) in order to service that specific building wherein equipment and supplies, but not people, are being transported to the work site, or 3) in order to make a delivery of materials which cannot be otherwise transported to a specific location in a building.

g. Where circumstances warrant operation of a golf-cart in or through any University building, as described in “f.” above, operators shall take the most unobtrusive route and shall follow all other operating requirements.

(d) Parking Regulations for Surface and Garage Parking.

1. Posted signs, bumper blocks, and other markings designate the various parking areas on campus. Parking areas may be restricted by classification, time or purpose. Parking areas restricted by classification, time or purpose shall be considered no parking zones to those individuals who do not fall within the restriction of the classification. Individuals parking in areas so restricted require a decal, hang tag, or permit. The following parking restrictions are found in areas on the University’s campuses:

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| a. Executive | h. State Vehicles |
| b. Administrative | i. Time Limit Parking |
| c. Faculty/Staff | j. Housing Parking |
| d. Student | k. Loading Zone |
| e. Meters | l. Garage Visitors |
| f. Disabled | m. Head-In Parking Only |
| g. Motorcycle/Motorbike/Moped | n. Golf-Cart |

2. Metered parking is for visitors and is enforced daily, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. including weekends and holidays. If a meter is malfunctioning, parking in that space is prohibited. A current decal, hang-tag or permit does not entitle the driver to park in a metered parking space without paying the appropriate fee.

3. Use of parking areas designated as Faculty/Staff shall be enforced between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise indicated by signage. Parking in all other areas, including Executive and Administrative, shall be observed and enforced at all times.

4. Changes in designated parking areas shall become effective at such time as signage or other identifying markings are posted.

5. No motor vehicles, other than police, emergency, or golf-carts may be operated or parked at any time on the walkways, grass, service areas, driveways or other prohibited zones, except where specifically permitted by signage. No motor vehicle, motorcycle or other type of vehicle, including a bicycle, shall be parked in such a way as to create a hazard or obstruction to traffic or access. Temporary parking areas may be designated in grass areas by the placement of delineating signs, bumper blocks or other identifying marks. Parking adjacent to any University building shall be prohibited except as identified by authorized signs.

6. No person, other than a current housing resident whose vehicle is left in a housing lot, shall leave a vehicle overnight on University property without notifying the Public Safety Department. Vehicles that are inoperable shall be reported immediately to the Public Safety Department. Vehicles left for more than three (3) consecutive days and nights, without prior approval, or which are apparently abandoned shall be subject to

towing, impoundment, and disposal at the owner's expense. The University does not assume any responsibility for motor vehicles or their contents while they are parked on campus. Vehicles registered to current housing residents may be left in housing lots during session breaks but in no event for more than three weeks, except with permission from University housing.

7. Major repairs to vehicles shall not be performed on either campus.

8. Double-parking is not allowed at any time.

9. The fact that a person may park or observe others parked in violation of the regulations without receiving a citation does not mean that the regulation is no longer in effect. Observing others illegally parked is not a valid excuse.

10. Parking on lawns, landscaped areas, sidewalks, or other areas not specifically designated by signs or curb markings as parking areas is a violation. The absence of a “No Parking” sign does not mean parking is permissible in an area.

11. Residents of housing shall abide by the parking regulations contained in the housing agreement in addition to the requirements of this rule.

12. Parking a vehicle on campus following failure to pay or appeal any citation for a university traffic infraction within the time provided, or parking on campus with a revoked decal shall be considered illegal parking and is subject to towing.

13. Parking areas designated as disabled are enforced at all times and a current state issued disabled placard/hang-tag must be visible and properly displayed.

(e) Garage Parking:

1. A current FIU parking decal is required to park in the garages at no additional cost.

2. Current FIU decal holders cannot park in a visitor space without paying the additional fee.

3. Garage hours: Gold Garage

6:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Mondays–Saturdays

Closed Sundays and holidays except for Special

Events

Blue, Red and Panther Garages

6:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Mondays – Fridays

Closed weekends and holidays except for Special

Events

4. No overnight parking. Vehicles must be removed prior to posted closing hours. Any vehicle left in the garage will be ticketed and is subject to towing at vehicle owner's expense.

5. Head-in parking only.

6. Garage speed limit is 5 mph. Garage speed is radar-enforced.

(4) Enforcement.

(a) Violations. Failure to abide by any of the provisions of these rules shall be considered a university parking infraction. The University may enforce university parking infractions through use of warnings, citations and fines, vehicle immobilization, towing and any other means authorized by statute.

(b) Citations. The Public Safety Department and the Department of Parking and Transportation are authorized to issue written citations to persons who violate university

parking and transportation regulations. The Public Safety Department is also empowered to issue citations for violation of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and county ordinances. Only one citation will be issued for each violation.

1. Schedule of Fines. The schedule below establishes fines for the various categories of violations which are considered to be university parking infractions:

No Decal	\$ 20.00
Parking on the Grass	\$ 20.00
Hazardous Parking	\$ 25.00
Overtime Parking (meter)	\$ 20.00
All Moving Violations	\$ 25.00
Restricted/Improper Parking	\$ 25.00
Overtime Parking (garage)	\$ 25.00
Unlawfully Parked in Disabled Space	\$250.00
Decal Fraud	\$100.00
Head-In Parking Only	\$ 15.00
Radar/Speeding Violation	\$ 25.00
Restricted "E" or "A"	\$ 30.00
Golf-Cart	\$ 25.00
Decal/Permit-Improper Display	\$ 20.00

a. Impoundment and vehicle immobilization charges vary according to type of vehicle, type of tow needed and cost of contract with current towing company.

b. Any vehicle which remains in violation of the same regulation for twenty-four (24) hours is subject to additional citations. Violations of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes,

and county ordinances are returnable to the Miami-Dade County Court and may carry higher fines or other penalties.

2. Late Charges. If a university citation is not paid or appealed in the time provided by this rule, a \$5.00 late charge shall be assessed in addition to the fine established for the violation. The assessment of the late charge shall not preclude the University from enforcing these rules through alternative means such as preventing registration, withholding transcripts, receiving your diploma and/or towing, or immobilizing the vehicle.

3. Remedies for Failure to Pay Fines. In addition to the assessment of a late charge fee, and other penalties as provided in this rule, the following remedies are available to the University:

a. Revoke parking and driving privileges on University property. A person whose parking privileges are revoked may not be issued a new parking decal until all prior outstanding citations are satisfied.

b. Prevent the person from registering as a student.

c. Withhold issuance of transcripts or degrees.

d. Use vehicle immobilizer.

e. Tow and impound the person's car.

f. Take other action as necessary to collect the outstanding fines as delinquent accounts owed to the University.

4. Responsibility for Citations. The person who registers a motor vehicle with the Department of Parking and Transportation assumes responsibility for all citations issued to that vehicle. If the motor vehicle has not been registered with the Department

of Parking and Transportation then the person(s) in whose name the motor vehicle is registered with the State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be held responsible for citations issued to the vehicle. The presumption of responsibility may be overcome by furnishing the Department of Parking and Transportation with a sworn statement identifying the person who had custody of the vehicle at the time the citation was issued. Employees of FIU operating state university vehicles and golf-carts shall be responsible for citations issued to such vehicle(s).

(c) Procedures for Payment of Fines and Appeals. A person to whom a citation has been issued shall have ten (10) business days from the date of issuance to respond to the citation either by paying the fine or by filing an appeal. If payment or request for an appeal is not received within the allotted time, a late fee shall be assessed, and the University may take any authorized action to enforce the penalty.

1. Payment of Fines. Fines may be paid by credit card through the Florida International University web site URL <http://parking.fiu.edu> or in person at the Department of Parking and Transportation by check, money order, cash payment, the FIU Panther debit card, or credit card. Alternatively, payments may be mailed to the Department of Parking and Transportation located on University Park Campus; however, late fees shall be applied in the event payment is not received by the Department of Parking and Transportation within the time provided by these rules. ~~Fines may also be paid at the Cashier's Office during its regular hours of operation.~~ All payments sent by mail should include the payee's ~~social security number~~ Panther ID number and citation number. ~~It is the responsibility of a person who pays cash at the Cashier's Office to~~

~~notify the Department of Parking and Transportation that the citation has been paid in order to assure that his or her account is properly credited.~~

2. Appeals Process and Procedures. Appeals of citations for university parking infractions and towing/vehicle immobilization procedures and charges may be instituted by filing a written appeal through the Florida International University web site URL <http://parking.fiu.edu> or ~~with~~ at the Department of Parking and Transportation on Form PT #4, 'Parking Citation Appeal,' (effective date 6/96) according to the instructions provided on the form. This form is hereby incorporated by reference into this rule. County citations are not open to appeal through the University appeal process. County citations must be processed through the Miami-Dade County Court system. Appeal form PT #4 may be obtained at the Department of Parking and Transportation, the web site and at other locations throughout the University, such as the Visitor Information Center, and Public Safety Department at both campuses. Inability to locate parking spaces or the failure of others to observe these rules shall not be considered to be valid defenses. The appeal shall include a current and accurate mailing address or email address where notices can be sent and received. Complete appeal forms will be forwarded by the Department of Parking and Transportation to an Appeal Hearing Officer for review and decision. Appellants do not have the option to appear in person.

(a) Appeal Hearing Officers. There shall be appointed on each campus a University Appeal Hearing Officer or Officers who shall be responsible to resolve appeals of citations for university parking infractions and/or towed or immobilized vehicles. The Appeal Hearing Officer(s) of each campus shall be appointed, by the appropriate vice president, to serve a two-year term, and may be appointed for additional

terms. It is intended that Appeal Hearing Officers will be members of the University Community.

(b) Appeal Hearing Officer Procedures. Appeal Hearing Officers will receive and evaluate written appeals. They will be guided by the Parking Rules and shall consider any relevant circumstances, as articulated in the written appeal, in making their decision(s). Appeal Hearing Officers may request further information or interview the appellant, witnesses or the citing officer. Appeals will be reviewed and appellants notified by mail.

(c) Appeal Hearing Officer Decisions. Following consideration of the grounds for an appeal, the Appeal Hearing Officer shall decide on the appeal. The Appeal Hearing Officer's decision shall contain findings of fact and be reduced to writing and a copy shall be furnished to the appellant by the Department of Parking and Transportation. The decision of the Appeal Hearing Officer is final without further right of review. Upon denial of an appeal, the fine assessed shall be paid within ten (10) business days of the date of notification to the appellant or a late fee will be assessed.

(d) Immobilization, Towing and Impoundment-Appeals. The University may immobilize, tow and/or impound any vehicle which is found to be parked illegally or in violation of these rules. Parking after failing to pay a parking citation(s) within the allotted time constitutes illegal parking. ~~Cash payment for tows shall be accepted at the Department of Parking and Transportation.~~ A person whose vehicle has been immobilized, towed and/or impounded may appeal the tow or immobilization by filing a written appeal within ten (10) business days from the date of the impoundment. An Appeal Hearing Officer shall review the appeal within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt

of the written appeal. The appellant shall receive notification of the appeal decision through the mail. If the immobilization or tow appeal is granted, the University shall refund the amount charged for the immobilization or tow. In lieu of the appeal, or pending such appeal, or if the appeal is denied, the owner of the vehicle or his/her authorized agent may obtain release of the vehicle by paying the citation(s), the immobilization and/or towing charges and any applicable delinquent fines.

(e) University Departmental Events. All departments hosting an event, which will require additional visitor parking for guests, will require visitor permits for each vehicle per day. Pre-purchased parking spaces are available by contacting the Department of Parking and Transportation no later than three (3) business days, but preferably five (5) business days before the date of the event. Departments are encouraged to post directional signs for each event.

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