

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Parking and Driving Regulations

Purpose

These rules are in place to help keep traffic on campus safe and organized and to explain how parking works at Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T). Under the authority of the Texas Education Code (Sections 51.202, 51.203, 51.205, 51.206, 51.207, and 51.210), the university has set regulations that apply to anyone who walks, drives, or parks a vehicle on campus.

Parking is a Privilege

Driving and parking on the TAMU-T campus is a privilege—not a right. All drivers are expected to know and follow campus rules and laws.

Students and employees who park on campus must purchase a parking permit from the Business Office in the BASS building. A permit allows you to park, but it does **not** guarantee a specific parking spot.

The university is not responsible for any fire, theft, damage, or loss involving your vehicle or its contents while on campus.

Enforcement

The University Police Department (UPD) enforces all traffic laws and parking rules on campus.

Officers may issue county citations for serious violations like parking in a fire lane or a handicap space—these can impact your driving record.

Parking and traffic rules are enforced at all times.

Speed Limits *(unless posted otherwise)*

- **Main Campus Roads:** 30 MPH
- **Bringle Lake Road:** 25 MPH
- **Parking Lots:** 10 MPH

Driving

- You must have a valid driver's license to drive on TAMU-T property.
- Your vehicle must have valid license plates and current liability insurance, as required by state law.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at marked crosswalks. If they're not using a crosswalk, they must yield to vehicles.

Parking

- Handicap parking spaces are reserved 24/7.

- You may not use campus parking to store, repair, or live in a vehicle unless you have permission from UPD.
- Unauthorized vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense. The university is not responsible for any costs or damages related to towing or impoundment.

Parking Permits

- All students and employees who park on campus must have a valid parking permit.
- Permits can be purchased at the Business Office on the first floor of the BASS Building.
- Hang the permit on your rearview mirror with the number facing forward.

Parking Permit Costs

- Fall through Spring: \$30
- Spring through Summer: \$20
- Summer Only: \$12
- Replacement Permit: \$5 (only issued on a case-by-case basis)

Note: Parking permit fees are non-refundable.

Temporary Parking Permits

If you have a valid parking permit but need to drive a different vehicle, you can get a temporary hangtag from UPD.

Lost or Stolen Permits

- Report lost or stolen permits to UPD immediately.
- Using a lost or stolen permit may result in a one-year suspension of parking privileges.
- If the permit was reported stolen, criminal charges may be filed, and the permit will be confiscated.

Parking Areas

- Students and employees with a valid parking permit can park in any designated campus lot **except** for the Bringle Lake Village (BLV) dorm lots. Only BLV residents and staff with a **BLV permit** may park there. General permits are **not** valid in BLV lots and violators will be ticketed.
- Not finding a space is **not** an excuse to park illegally.
- “Reserved Parking” spots are for specific individuals only.
- Visitor parking is for visitors only. Students and employees may **not** use visitor spaces.
- Only one vehicle is allowed per space. Do not park over the lines or block other vehicles.
- Park only in marked spaces located in official parking lots. Do not park on sidewalks, roadways, or fire lanes. The **only exception** is the gravel lot north of the soccer field.

- The lot north of the University Center is a **No Overnight Parking** zone. This rule is posted and enforced by UPD.

Driving and Parking Violation Charges

- Parking fines must be paid within **10 business days** of the citation date.
- Pay fines at the Business Office using cash, check, or credit card. **Unrolled coins are not accepted.**
- Fines **double** if not paid within 10 business days.
- The person who purchased the parking permit is responsible for any citation issued to that vehicle, no matter who was driving.
- Unpaid fines are considered a debt to the university and may result in:
 - Suspension of parking and driving privileges
 - Disciplinary action (for employees)
 - Vehicle booting or towing

Common Parking Violations and Fines

- No valid parking permit: **\$30**
- Parked in more than one space: **\$30**
- Unauthorized use of loading dock: **\$30**
- Parked in a reserved space: **\$30**
- Parked in a non-designated area: **\$30**
- Parked in a fire lane: **\$100**
- Parked in a handicap space without permit: **\$100**
- All other parking citations: **\$30**
- Failed to display permit: **\$10**
- Vehicle boot removal fee: **\$10**

Common Moving & Administrative Violations

- No driver's license: **\$30**
- Speeding 9 mph or less over limit: **\$30**
- Speeding 10 mph or more over limit :**\$50**
- Disregarding Cones or Barricades: **\$30**
- No vehicle insurance: **\$30**
- Failure to yield to pedestrians: **\$30**

- Driving without headlights/taillights at night: **\$30**
- Driving the wrong way on a one-way road: **\$30**
- Reckless driving: **\$100**

Impoundment or Immobilization

Impoundment means the vehicle may be towed, stored, or both. All related costs are the responsibility of the vehicle's registered owner.

Immobilization refers to the use of a mechanical device—commonly called a boot—that is attached to one of the vehicle's wheels to prevent it from being moved or driven.

UPD may impound or immobilize a vehicle for the following reasons:

- Three or more unpaid or unanswered citations
- Use of a lost or stolen permit
- Unauthorized parking in a reserved space
- Parking in a fire lane
- Illegally parking in a handicap space
- Ignoring cones, barricades, or other traffic control devices
- Parking on lawns, sidewalks, or areas blocking traffic
- Parking after your campus parking privileges have been suspended
- Blocking buildings, loading zones, or restricted areas
- Abandoning a vehicle on campus
- When the vehicle poses a public safety risk
- At the discretion of the Chief of Police

Appeals Procedure

To appeal a **university-issued citation**, submit a Parking Appeal Form found on the UPD website under the **Parking Regulations** tab. Appeals go first to the Chief of Police or their designee for review and a decision.

Note: This process **does not apply** to **county-issued citations**.

If you disagree with the first decision, you may request a review by the **TAMU-T Parking and Traffic Appeals Committee** within **seven business days** of the decision.

The committee includes:

- 2 TAMU-T staff members
- 2 TAMU-T faculty members
- 1 TAMU-T student

Once your appeal is accepted, a hearing will be scheduled. If the committee denies your appeal, you must pay the fine within **seven business days** of the decision.

The committee's decision is final.

Invalid Reasons for an Appeal

The following are **not valid reasons** to appeal a parking citation:

- Not knowing the rules
- Others were also parked improperly
- Only parked illegally for a short time
- This was your first citation for the offense
- Running late to class or an appointment
- Can't afford to pay the fine
- No available parking spaces
- Didn't see the posted signs
- Parked in the gravel lot without a permit
- Forgot to display your permit

Electronic Recreational Transportation on Campus

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is committed to keeping campus safe. This policy covers the use of **Electronic Recreational Transportation** (ERT) devices—such as battery-powered scooters, balance boards, and electric bikes—referred to here as **e-scooters**.

- This policy does **not** apply to mobility devices used for disabilities and may not cover every possible situation.
- The City of Texarkana and other organizations may offer commercial **e-scooter rentals** on or near campus. While these may be used on university property, **TAMU-T is not responsible** for any accidents or injuries involving them.
- If you're using a rented e-scooter, you must follow the terms of the rental company's agreement.

On-Campus e-Scooter Guidelines

- **e-Scooters are not allowed inside any campus building.**
- **Pedestrians always have the right of way.** Ride carefully to avoid endangering people, wildlife, or visitors.
- e-Scooters can be used on campus and city sidewalks, but **ride with caution** and **yield to pedestrians.**
- When you're done riding, **park the scooter at a campus bike rack**—located near Bringle Lake Village, University Center, and BASS. **Do not leave scooters in random places** around campus.

- Riders must follow traffic laws and are subject to **UPD enforcement**. Unsafe or reckless riding may result in **citations, disciplinary action**, or being **banned from riding on campus**.
- **Do not use campus electrical outlets or equipment to charge e-scooters.**

e-Scooter Violations and Fines

- Not parking at a bike rack: **\$30**
- e-Scooter traffic violation: **\$30**
- Charging an e-scooter on campus: **\$30**