

# **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- TEXARKANA PARKING REGULATIONS**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to ensure the safe and orderly flow of vehicular traffic and to provide information as to parking procedures on campus. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Texas Education Code, 51.202, 51.203, 51.205, 51.206, 51.207, and 51.210, Texas A&M University-Texarkana has established regulations and procedures applicable to anyone who walks, drives, and/or parks a vehicle at the Bringle Lake campus.

## **PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE**

The operation of any vehicle on the Texas A&M University-Texarkana campus is a **PRIVILEGE** granted by the University and *not an inherent right* of any faculty/staff member or student. Each vehicle operator is responsible for knowing and following the laws and regulations enforced. All faculty/staff and students who park on the University campus must purchase a parking permit/sticker from the Business Office in the University Center. The purchase of a parking permit does not guarantee a parking place on campus. The University is not responsible for fire, theft, damage to, or loss of any vehicle and/or its contents while parked or operated on University property.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

All traffic laws and parking regulations will be enforced by the Texas A&M University-Texarkana University Police Department (UPD). UPD officers may issue county tickets for violations such as parked in a fire lane or parked in a handicapped space.

## **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

*Parking and traffic regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.*

### **Speed Limits**

Main Campus Speed Limit: **30 MPH**

Bringle Lake Roadway Speed Limit: **25 MPH** (unless otherwise posted)

Parking Lot Speed Limit: **10 MPH**

### **Driving**

- All persons driving a vehicle on Texas A&M University-Texarkana property shall have a valid driver's license.
- All vehicles driven on Texas A&M University-Texarkana property must have a valid, properly displayed state license plate and safety inspection sticker (if required by licensing state), as well as proof of liability insurance for their vehicle as required by state law.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at designated marked pedestrian crosswalks. Pedestrians not crossing at designated crosswalks will yield to vehicles.

### **Parking**

- Parking spaces for the physically handicapped are reserved 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The parking of any private vehicle on either Texas A&M University-Texarkana campus for storage, repair, or habitation (unless permission is secured from UPD) is prohibited and is cause for removal and impoundment of that vehicle. The owner of any such impounded vehicle will be liable for the

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cost of moving, towing, and storing. The University will not be liable for any costs or damages resulting from such removal and impoundment of such vehicle.

### **PARKING PERMITS**

#### **Costs**

All Texas A&M University-Texarkana employees and students that park a vehicle on Texas A&M University-Texarkana property must have a current parking permit. Texas A&M University-Texarkana parking permits can be purchased at the front business counter located on the first floor inside the BASS Building. Parking passes will no longer be sold at the University Police Department.

Parking fees and fees for additional vehicles will be pro-rated as follows:

- FALL THROUGH SPRING \$30.00
- SPRING THROUGH SUMMER \$20.00
- SUMMER ONLY \$12.00
- SECOND VEHICLE PERMIT Refer to current Fall, Spring, or Summer semester
- REPLACEMENT PERMITS \$5.00 Only a *replacement* on a case-by-case basis

Parking permits **MUST** be placed on the rearview mirror with the parking number facing toward the front of the vehicle.

***NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR PERMITS.***

#### **Parking Areas**

- Texas A&M University-Texarkana employees and students with a current parking permit may park in authorized parking spaces at the Bringle Lake campus except for the Bringle Lake Village (BLV) dorm parking lots. **\*The BLV dorm parking lots are reserved for BLV dorm residents/staff with BLV designated parking permits. Staff, faculty, and students with a general parking permit (BLUE) are NOT ALLOWED to park in the BLV dorm parking lots and will be ticketed if they do so.\***
- Purchasing a Texas A&M University-Texarkana parking permit ***does NOT guarantee a parking space***. Lack of a parking space is not a valid excuse for parking anywhere other than an authorized, designated parking space.
- Parking spots marked “Reserved Parking” are for designated individuals only. Examples: University President and Vice Presidents, Faculty Senate President, and Staff Council President.
- Visitor parking is **STRICTLY** for Visitors. Staff, faculty, and students ***are NOT allowed to park in visitor spots***.
- Parking spots are for one vehicle only; ***do not take up more than one parking spot with one vehicle***. Any gross negligence of parking on the yellow line designating a parking spot and preventing a vehicle from parking next to you, behind you, or in front of you is a violation.
- Authorized parking spaces are spaces marked for parking, and are generally located in designated parking lots. Parking on sidewalks, any portion of the main roadways, or in fire lanes will not be permitted. The only exception to marked spaces will be the dirt parking lot located East of the Bringle Lake Village residence hall.
- The north general parking lot, located north of the UC, is a designated “No Parking Overnight” zone. Signs are posted around the parking lot area and will be enforced by UPD.

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- Our dirt/lawn overflow parking area located North of the soccer field requires all students, staff, and faculty to have a parking permit. Staff/faculty parking tags and student parking tags are allowed to park on the dirt/lawn parking location. As a reminder, only BLV residents are allowed to park at BLV parking lots.

### Lost or Stolen Permits

- Theft or loss of a parking permit must be reported to the University Police Department as soon as possible. A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged for all lost/stolen permits.
- Parking privileges shall be suspended for **one calendar year** for any individual who displays a lost or stolen permit. In the case of a stolen permit, **criminal charges may be filed** and the permit will be confiscated.
- The University Police Department may **impound** any vehicle that displays a lost or stolen permit.

### Temporary Parking Permits

- Any staff, faculty, or student that has a vehicle with a valid permit and for some reason has to drive a non-permitted vehicle on campus may go to the University Police Department to receive a temporary hangtag, valid for five (5) business days. A maximum of three (3) temporary permits can be issued during any single semester.
- Visitors should go to the University Police Department in the Central Plant Building at the Bringle Lake campus for Temporary Permits.

### DRIVING AND PARKING VIOLATION CHARGES

- All parking fines must be paid within ten (10) business days of the date of the citation at the Business Office.
- Payment shall be made in U.S. Currency (cash, check, credit card). Unrolled coins will not be accepted for payment.
- Any parking fine not paid within (10) business days automatically increases by 100%.
- The enforcement fees for violation of these regulations constitute an indebtedness to Texas A&M University-Texarkana. If an individual fails to pay such fees, Texas A&M University-Texarkana will take any or all of the following actions:
  1. Suspend the privilege of driving or parking on campus.
  2. Hold official transcripts.
  3. Take disciplinary action against employees.
  4. Immobilizing (booting) the individual's tire where the vehicle can't be moved.
  5. Towing the individual's vehicle.
- Anyone wishing to appeal a parking citation must do so online on the University website on the Police Department page under Parking Regulations within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the citation.
- A partial list of violations and fine amounts:
  - Parked without a valid permit **\$30.00**
  - Parked in more than one space **\$30.00**
  - Unauthorized parking at loading dock **\$30.00**



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- Parked in a Reserved Space \$30.00
- Parked in a non-designated parking area \$30.00
- Parked in Fire Lane (areas marked by the red line on the curb) - **State Law Violation** \$100.00
- Parked in Handicap space without a valid handicap permit - **State Law Violation** \$100.00
- All other parking citations \$30.00
- Orange Boot Removal \$10.00
- Failed/Forgot to Display permit \$10.00

- The individual who purchased the Texas A&M University-Texarkana permit is ultimately responsible for the payment of any citation the vehicle receives, regardless of who was driving the vehicle.
- Serious moving violation citations will be written on State of Texas citations and will be handled in Texarkana, Texas Justice of The Peace Court. **This can also include Handicapped Parking violations.**

## IMPOUNDMENT OR IMMOBILIZING

The term “Impoundment” includes the removal, towing, and storage of the vehicle in question. All Impoundment fees are the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle if no permit is on the vehicle. The Texas A&M University-Texarkana Police Department is authorized to impound or immobilize unattended vehicles on campus under the following conditions:

- Having three (3) or more outstanding, unanswered, or unpaid citations.
- Displaying a lost, stolen, or unauthorized parking permit.
- An unauthorized vehicle parked in a reserved space.
- Parking in a “Fire Lane” which is designated by red lines or red curb.
- Illegally parked in a “Handicapped” area or space.
- Parking in areas where barricades, cones, or traffic control devices have been ignored.
- Parking on lawns, sidewalks, or any other area that restricts vehicular traffic.
- Parking on campus after the privilege to do so has been suspended.
- Blocking access to any building, loading zone, reserved, or barricaded area.
- Any vehicle is abandoned on Texas A&M University-Texarkana property.
- Any other circumstance not expressly enumerated where public safety is threatened by the presence of the vehicle.
- At the discretion of the Chief of Police.

When a vehicle has received **three or more** citations violating the policies of A&M-Texarkana, **or at the discretion of the Chief of Police**, the UPD has the authority to render the vehicle immobile by utilizing the MITI-Immobilizer.

When such a vehicle is located on the A&M-Texarkana property, the boot may be installed on the vehicle according to its instructions. The officer shall attach the neon Immobilizer Notice in a conspicuous place that a reasonable person would locate on the vehicle.

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When the owner of the vehicle responds to the UPD, payments will be processed according to standard policy. The UPD will not remove the boot from the vehicle until any unpaid fines are **paid in full**. Once the fines are paid in full by the owner, the UPD will remove the boot from the vehicle.

### **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Texas A&M University-Texarkana has established a Parking and Traffic Appeals Committee for University Citations. The committee has the duty of hearing parking ticket appeals from any person who feels that they were wrongfully ticketed. Anyone who receives a Texas A&M University-Texarkana citation may appeal the citation to the campus Parking and Traffic Appeals Committee within seven (7) business days of receiving the citation. The fine will be put on hold until the appeal process is complete. **Persons appealing should follow the below procedures:**

1. University parking citation appeal forms are available online, at the A&M-Texarkana website under the Parking Regulation section.
2. The committee will be notified of the appeal, and a date will be set for a hearing.
3. If the appeal is decided against the complainant, the complainant must then pay the assessed fine within seven (7) business days of the date of the hearing.
4. The decision of the Traffic Appeal Committee is final.
5. The Parking and Traffic Appeals Committee will be selected by the Chief of Police and consist of four Texas A&M University-Texarkana employees, two staff members, two faculty members, and one student.

#### **The following are **NOT** valid reasons for an appeal:**

- Lack of knowledge of the regulations, for example, have not reviewed regulations;
- Other vehicles were parked improperly;
- Only parked illegally for a short period;
- Stated failure of parking officer to ticket previously for similar offenses;
- Late to class or appointment;
- Inability to pay the amount of the fine;
- No other place to park;
- Did not see posted signs;
- Parked in the dirt parking lot by BLV without any type of parking permit;
- Failed/Forgot to display a permit.

### **Electronic Recreational Transportation on Campus**

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is committed to protecting the safety of campus community members. This procedure is intended to outline the proper use of Electronic Recreational Transportation devices to preserve the safety of individuals on campus and campus facilities. This procedure is not intended to govern the use of equipment for disabilities. This procedure is not meant to meet every situation. For this procedure, Electronic Recreational Transportation devices are meant to include, but are not limited to, battery-powered balance boards, scooters, bicycles, etc., and shall be referred to as e-Scooters.

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- The city of Texarkana TX and other jurisdictions may implement an e-scooter rental program in partnership with commercial vendors. While these e-scooters may be in use on campus property, Texas A&M University – Texarkana does not assume any liability for accidents related to e-scooters that may occur on any university-owned or controlled property.
- Users of commercially rented e-scooters are required to follow the rules and guidelines of the particular rental agreement.

### **ON-CAMPUS GUIDELINES**

- e-Scooters are not permitted inside ANY campus buildings
- Pedestrians have the right of way in any location on campus. e-Scooter riders are expected to operate the scooter safely to ensure the safety of pedestrians, campus visitors, and wildlife.
- While the use of e-scooters on campus and city sidewalks is not prohibited, pedestrians have the right of way and extreme caution must be utilized.
- Upon completion of a ride, e-scooters are to be left at one of the campus bicycle racks located near Bringle Lake Village, University Center, or BASS and shall not be abandoned at random locations on campus.
- As with riders on city streets who must follow traffic laws, riders on campus are under the jurisdiction of the University Police Department and may be issued citations or face disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct or both. If UPD observes scooters being used in an unsafe or destructive manner, the department reserves the right to prohibit the rider from operating the e-scooter on university property.
- e-Scooters may not be recharged using campus electrical outlets, equipment, or supplies.

### **Violation and Fine Amounts**

- Fail to park E-Scooter by a bicycle rack      **\$30.00**
- E-Scooter traffic violation                      **\$30.00**
- Recharging E-Scooter on Campus              **\$30.00**