

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Department of Parking and Transit Services

Parking and Traffic Regulations
Effective August 1, 2024

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 105, Section 37-105-1 and Section 37-105-3, *Mississippi Code of 1972*, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning hereby enacts the rules and regulations for vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles on the grounds of The University of Southern Mississippi campuses.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS

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- B.11.** The University will reimburse faculty, staff and students for up to 30 days for any billing errors that may have occurred.
- B.12.** Those in violation of parking regulations will be issued an electronic citation via email (with the exception of non

- D.2.5. Gulf Park Campus: Boots, tows and storage fees can be paid online at usm.edu/parking or at the University Police Department (138 Beach Park Place) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is the responsibility of the student, faculty or staff member to make sure all fines are paid at the end of each semester.
- D.2.6. GCRL: Boots, tows and storage fees are to be paid online at usm.edu/parking or by contacting the University Police Department at 601.266.4986. It is the responsibility of the, faculty, staff or student to make sure all fines are paid at the end of each semester.
- D.2.7. Violators who have a vehicle booted will be assessed a \$75 boot fee. Violators who have a booted vehicle unclaimed after 24 hours will be towed and assessed an additional \$25 fee for a total of \$100. Violators who have a vehicle towed will be assessed a \$100 tow

D.5. Hearing and Appeals

- D.5.1. An individual who receives a parking or traffic citation is required to submit all appeals online at usm.edu/parking-transit-services. If you have a problem, call PTS at 601.266.4943.
- D.5.2. The following reasons are NOT acceptable grounds for dismissing a parking or traffic citations:
 - D.5.2.1. Ignorance of regulation
 - D.5.2.2. Inability to find a legal parking space
 - D.5.2.3. No space available
 - D.5.2.4. Inclement weather
 - D.5.2.5. Late for class
 - D.5.2.6. Improperly displayed a federal or state-issued handicapped placard or visitor/special event parking pass
 - D.5.2.7. Failure to register a vehicle and purchase a virtual parking permit
 - D.5.2.8. ~~Someone else~~ parked the vehicle
- D.5.3. Requests for an appeal must be made within five calendar days of issuance of the citation. The appeal clerk with the Department of Parking and Transit Services will provide the time and place of the hearing via university email. The board(s) may make a decision based upon the written request with or without the presence of the alleged violator.
- D.5.4. All students shall have an option of a hearing before a student judicial board. Student hearings will be held weekly during fall and spring semesters. During the summer semester, student hearings will be held once a month. Students may appeal the decision of the student judicial board to the Parking and Transit Services Committee via university email within five calendar days from the decision of the board. Faculty and staff members may appeal to the Parking and Transit Services Committee via university email within five calendar days from the decision of the board. The decision from the Parking and Transit Services Committee is final.
- D.5.5. The appeals procedure applies to all campuses but each campus may be addressed separately based on volume and timing.
- D.5.6. A student requesting a hearing may be present at the student judicial board at his or her parking violation hearing and may present information as permitted by the board regarding the citation. Rctnłpi xkqr vqpu õTg/ (

E. TRAFFIC

E.1. Bicycle, Motorcycle, and Electric Scooter Policy

- E.1.1. Regulations have been established to provide for the orderly movement and parking of bicycles, motorcycles and electric scooters on campuses and teaching/research sites. In using bicycles, motorcycles or electric scooters on campus, the rights and safety of others should be considered at all times.
- E.1.2. Bicycles, motorcycles and electric scooters shall follow state and local regulations governing movement and operation.
- E.1.3. Bicycle, motorcycle and electric scooter riders are subject to the same rules and regulations as motor vehicle operators and should ride on the right-hand side of the street, obey all traffic signals and signs, and give proper hand or mechanical turn or stop signals.
- E.1.4. Operating any vehicle, motorcycle, motorbike, bicycle or electric scooter during hours of darkness without proper headlights, taillights or reflectors is forbidden.
- E.1.5. All operators and passengers of motorcycles, motorbikes, electric scooters or similar types of cycles are required to wear helmets while the vehicle is in operation.
- E.1.6. All operators of any type of motor vehicle, bicycle or electric scooter shall yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles and pedestrians.
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