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| Policies of the University of North Texas | Chapter 12 |
| 12.004 Vehicle Operation and Parking | Campus Safety and Security |

Policy Statement. The purpose and scope of this policy statement is to establish for the University of North Texas (UNT) a policy for the regulation of vehicle operation and parking on property under the jurisdiction of the university.

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Definitions.

1. **Vehicle.** For the purpose of this policy, a vehicle is any mechanism or device that can be used for transportation of passengers or cargo. This definition includes but is not limited to cars, trucks, bicycles, skate boards, roller skates, wagons and sleds.
2. **Operation.** For the purpose of this policy, operation is defined as the act of operating a vehicle. This definition includes but is not limited to skating, riding a bicycle, driving a car, pulling a wagon, riding a sled, riding a skate board or propelling an empty vehicle, i.e., pushing an operatorless vehicle and letting it roll across campus.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

- I. **Authority of Board of Regents to promulgate rules and regulations.** Chapter 51, Subchapter E of the Texas Education Code vests the Board of Regents with the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees, property, and other rules and regulations it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter and the governance of the institution, providing for the operation and parking of vehicles on the grounds, streets, drives, alleys, and any other institutional property under its control; including, but not limited to the following:
 - A. limiting the rate of speed;
 - B. assigning parking spaces and designating parking areas and their use and assessing a charge for parking
 - C. prohibiting parking as it deems necessary;
 - D. removing vehicles parked in violation of institutional rules and regulations or law at the expense of the violator; and
 - E. instituting a system of registration for vehicle identification, including a reasonable charge.
- II. **Regulation of Vehicle Movement.** A hazard to pedestrians exists when vehicles are operated on property owned or controlled by the university. It is therefore the

University's responsibility to regulate the operation of vehicles in the congested environment of the University campus.

- A. Movement of Vehicles on Campus Property: All movement of vehicles on campus property and streets adjacent thereto will be in accordance with the published traffic laws of the State of Texas. Failure to abide by said statutes may result in citation, arrest, and/or other remedies prescribed by law.
 - B. Parking of Vehicles on Campus Property: All parking of vehicles on campus property and streets adjacent thereto will be in accordance with the published parking regulations of the university.
 - C. Movement of Vehicles During Class Change: Due to the number of pedestrians on campus at class change times, this policy specifically prohibits the operation of any motor vehicle at certain times. During class change motor vehicles are not to be driven on sidewalks or combination sidewalk/service drives. The only exception to this policy is authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency situation.
- III. Establishment and Publication of Parking Rules and Regulations. The chief law enforcement officer shall establish and publish rules and regulations consistent with this policy, Chapter 51, subchapter E of the Texas Education Code, and Section 105.153 of the Texas Education Code, except that parking permit fees and fine amounts for violations will be established by action of the Board of Regents
- Rules and regulations will be updated and published annually prior to September 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.
- IV. Enforcement: The chief law enforcement officer shall appoint such university police officers and parking personnel as necessary to provide for enforcement of the provisions of this policy.

Responsible Party: The chief law enforcement officer

References and Cross-references.

Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, subchapter E and of the Texas Education Code, Section 105.153

Forms and Tools.

None

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