

<b>Policies of the University of North Texas</b>	Chapter 12
<b>12.004 Vehicle Operation and Parking</b>	<b>Campus Safety and Security</b>

**Policy Statement.** This policy establishes regulations for the safe operation and parking of vehicles on the grounds, streets, drives, alleys, and any other institutional property owned or lease by UNT.

**Application of Policy.** All University.

**Definitions.**

1. **Vehicle.** “Vehicle” means any mechanism or device that can be used for transportation of passengers or cargo. This includes but is not limited to cars, trucks, bicycles, skate boards, roller skates, wagons and sleds.
2. **Operation.** “Operation” means the act of operating a vehicle. This 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 operator-less vehicle and letting it roll across campus.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

- I. **Scope of Governance.** UNT System Regent Rule 11.700 delegates authority to the President to establish parking and traffic regulations; 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: 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. Director of Transportation Services will develop and submit 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 annually to the President for approval. The Transportation Services Office shall publish the approved rules and regulations prior to September 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.
- IV. Enforcement. The Chief of Police and Director of Transportation Services shall appoint personnel as necessary to provide for enforcement of the provisions of this policy.

Responsible Party: Police Department and Transportation Services.

**References and Cross-references.**

Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, subchapter E

Texas Education Code, Section 105.153

Regents Rule 11.700, Parking and Traffic Regulations

**Forms and Tools.** None.

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