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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3361:70-5-08 Parking: towing and impounding of vehicles.

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(A) Parking services supervisory personnel or the university of Cincinnati police are the only agencies authorized to commence, in accordance with university rules, the vehicle impoundment or towing process for vehicles parked on university property that are violating university parking rules, regulations, or accompanying policies.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, towing and/or impoundment of a vehicle may occur when a vehicle is:

(1) Blocking a fire lane or hydrant.

(2) Blocking a roadway, drive, dumpster, or loading dock.

(3) Blocking other vehicles.

(4) Blocking a pathway needed to facilitate university operations.

(5) Creating a real or potential safety hazard.

(6) Owned or operated by an individual with outstanding delinquent parking citations.

(7) Using a revoked, altered, or stolen permit.

(8) Parked in violation of posted signs and/or barricades.

(9) Parked in a non-reserved ADA accessible stall without state-issued disability placard or license plate.

(10) Parked in reserved stall without proper permit or permission.

(11) Parked in an area reserved for event management.

(C) A vehicle that has exited a parking facility by tailgating or by disabling the gate arm, may have a boot placed on the vehicle by parking services upon returning to park on university property. All fines and fees must be paid by the end of the following business day in which the vehicle is booted. If all outstanding fines and fees are not paid by the end of the following business day, the vehicle may be impounded.

(D) Total payment of all outstanding fines, delinquent fees, impoundment fees, and towing charges must be made in order to release the vehicle. If a tow truck is called to move a vehicle and the driver appears before the vehicle is towed and pays all outstanding obligations, the vehicle will not be towed, but the individual is responsible for the tow charge.

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(E) Any vehicle remaining on university property for more than seventy-two hours without a valid university parking permit will be considered abandoned. Abandoned vehicles may be towed and/or impounded at the owner's expense. Unclaimed, abandoned vehicles may be sold at public auction, or otherwise disposed, pursuant to Ohio law.

(F) If reasonable, vehicles with a state-issued disability placard or license plate that are improperly parked will be ticketed and the owner/operator will be required to resolve the ticket with parking services. After three unresolved tickets, parking services will place a boot on the vehicle and the owner/operator must resolve the unpaid tickets prior to removal of the boot.

In the event that a vehicle with a state-issued disability placard or license plate is towed, the vehicle will be moved to the closest available location and public safety will be notified. Efforts will be made to contact the owner/operator prior to towing the vehicle. If the owner/operator cannot be located, a note will be left where the vehicle was originally parked so the owner/operator will be aware of the situation and has a contact number for expeditious resolution.

(G) All rules regarding impoundment and/or towing are subject to the approval or disapproval of the board of trustees and may not be implemented via policy statements pursuant to university rule 3361:70-5-01 of the Administrative Code. Changes to this rule shall be announced in advance of the effective date.

(H) Individuals may appeal an impoundment or towing citation pursuant to university rule 3361:70-5-10 of the Administrative Code.

(I) The university assumes no responsibility for damages to impounded vehicles, or their contents. Individuals are not permitted to tamper with boots and will be responsible for any damages they cause to a boot placed on a vehicle.