

Susquehanna University
Motor Vehicle Regulations

I. Introduction

The operation and parking of a motor vehicle on the property of Susquehanna University is a privilege granted to the students, faculty, staff, and guests of the university. Susquehanna University reserves the right to make and enforce those regulations which are deemed to be in the best interest of the university community. Motor vehicle privileges may be denied, suspended or revoked by the university. Parking regulations and instructions may be found at www.susqu.edu/safety.

II. Purpose

The Motor Vehicle Regulations at Susquehanna University are for the benefit of the campus community and to ensure

- A. safety and protection of life and property on campus;
- B. optimum use of campus roads and parking areas;
- C. free flow of traffic; and
- D. service and emergency vehicle access to all parts of campus.

III. Definitions

- A. Motor Vehicle: Any vehicle which is self-propelled and/or registered to operate on public roadways.
- B. Registrant: The individual in whose name a motor vehicle is registered with the university or, for unregistered vehicles, the individual in whose name the vehicle is registered with a state department of motor vehicles.
- C. Fine: A levy against a registrant for the violation of Motor Vehicle Regulations.
- D. Boot: A device used to immobilize a vehicle. This device is placed around a tire.
- E. Appeal: A written request for a review, reduction or cancellation of a fine, penalty, and/or disciplinary action.
- F. Low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles are classified as either of the following:
 - 1. Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) by the California Air Resources Board (ZEV vehicle list available at <http://www.susqu.edu/documents/StudentLife/ZEV.pdf> or at the Department of Public Safety). The information may also be accessed at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/zevprog.htm>.
 - 2. Having a minimum green score of 40 on the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) annual vehicle rating guide (LEED vehicles 2010 available at <http://www.susqu.edu/documents/StudentLife/LEEDvehicles.pdf>). The information may also be accessed at <http://www.greencars.org/news.htm>

- G. Carpool: An arrangement by which two or more SU faculty/staff share a vehicle for transportation.

IV. Registration

- A. All motor vehicles parked on Susquehanna University property by a student, faculty member or staff member must be registered with the Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety and must display a valid registration sticker or placard.
- B. Registration and display of sticker or placard must take place within 48 hours of the vehicle being on campus.
- C. The registrant is responsible for all violations of these regulations regardless of who was operating the vehicle at the time the violation occurred.
- D. Occasional guests to the campus who are neither students nor employees of the university are not required to register their motor vehicles, but their vehicles must be parked in those areas designated as visitor parking. Visitors may park in these designated areas for no more than eight hours on a given day and no more than two consecutive days. Longer-term visitor parking will require a temporary parking permit placard being placed on the vehicle's rear-view mirror. These temporary permits may be obtained at the Department of Public Safety, located inside of the Degenstein Campus Center, at no charge. Overnight guests must register with the Department of Public Safety, per the guest policy, and give their vehicle information along with the location of the vehicle to the Department of Public Safety.
- E. Student registrations expire in August. New permits are issued at the beginning of and throughout the school year. Employee registration expires when the employment status is terminated. All registrations expire when the ownership of the registered vehicle is transferred.
- F. Affiliates who wish to park in the spaces designated "Low-Emitting and Fuel-Efficient Vehicles" or "Carpool" must first have the appropriate faculty/staff or student registration sticker and must obtain the appropriate tag from the Department of Public Safety. Information regarding authorized vehicles may be found in this policy or at the Department of Public Safety located inside of the Degenstein Campus Center. Vehicles permitted to park in these spaces must display the hanging tag inside of their vehicle around the rearview mirror. These spaces are on a first come/first serve basis. These spaces will be marked with painted green lines and signage. A map noting locations is available at www.susqu.edu/documents/StudentLife/parking.pdf.

V. Parking Registration Stickers

- A. Acceptance of a motor vehicle registration sticker from Susquehanna University is an acknowledgement by the registrant that these regulations have been read and understood and constitutes an agreement by the registrant to abide by the regulations.

- B. Registration stickers must be displayed in a clearly visible location on the rear bumper or rear window of a motor vehicle.
- C. Registration stickers are not transferrable from vehicle to vehicle or person to person.
- D. Failure to display registration stickers in a clearly visible location will be treated as a failure to register a vehicle and will be subject to ticketing, towing or immobilization (booting).

VI. Traffic Regulations

- A. Operators of motor vehicles must obey all signs and follow the directions of Susquehanna University public safety officers. This also includes operators of bicycles.
- B. The maximum speed limit on campus roads is 20 mph.
- C. Stop Signs: All vehicles must come to a full stop at all stop signs.
- D. One Way Roads: Operators of motor vehicles must drive in the correct direction on one way roads and conform to all other established campus traffic patterns.
- E. Off-Road operation of vehicles on campus is prohibited. Violators are subject to a fine and payment for any damages.
- F. Reckless Driving: Operating a motor vehicle in any manner which disregards the rights of others or in any manner which endangers or harms persons or property.
- G. Snowmobiles are not permitted on campus.
- H. Motorcycles shall be operated in a manner complying with all laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- I. All motor vehicles must be operated in a manner complying with all laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- J. Violation of any traffic regulation is punishable by a fine up to \$100 for each offense and student violators are subject to sanctions imposed by the Susquehanna University Office of Student Conduct.

VII. Parking Regulations

- A. Parking is permitted only in designated areas indicated by signs, painted spaces, and/or Susquehanna University public safety officer direction.
- B. Students may not park in areas designated for faculty and staff or commuters.
- C. Students who live off campus will need to obtain a commuter parking registration sticker and park in areas designated for commuters.
- D. Students, faculty and staff may not park in areas designated for visitors.
- E. No one may park in restricted areas designated by "No Parking" signs, yellow curbs or yellow lines indicating no parking zone.
- F. No one may park in or block service drives, loading zones, walkways or entrances and exits of parking lots.
- G. No one may park in a fire lane or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Violators' vehicles are subject to immediate towing.
- H. No one may park on a lawn or other planted area or on a surface not designated for motor vehicles.
- I. All first-year students are required to park in the Sassafras Ave. freshmen lots.

- J. Double parking is not permitted without authorization of the Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety.
- K. Vehicles bearing a special handicapped-driver registration plate or placard may be parked in designated handicapped parking spaces. In special circumstances a temporary handicapped placard may be issued by the assistant vice president for student life/ director of public safety. Violators' vehicles are subject to immediate towing.
- L. No parking against traffic along any roadway on university property, unless authorized by the Department of Public Safety.
- M. Only authorized vehicles are permitted to park in the cut out area on University Avenue outside of Seibert Hall. This area is posted with appropriate signage. Violators are subject to traffic tickets issued by the Borough of Selinsgrove.
- N. Legal parking spaces are listed within this policy and are subject to change. It is the responsibility of all students, faculty and staff to be aware of this policy.
- O. Violation of a parking regulation is punishable by a fine up to \$100. Violators' vehicles are also subject to being towed or booted according to this policy.

VIII. Major and Persistent Violations

- A. Tampering with a parking ticket, registration sticker, parking sign, traffic sign or disobedience to traffic directions issued by Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety staff may be punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and also may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct if violation is committed by a student.
- B. Interfering with a Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety official or outside law enforcement officer performing traffic direction or parking enforcement will result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct (If violator is a student) and may result in criminal charges. If the violation is committed by an employee, the assistant vice president for student life/director of public safety will be notified and matter will be treated as a disciplinary situation.
- C. Anyone who flagrantly or persistently violates any of the provisions in this policy or any law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining to traffic or parking is subject to having parking privileges revoked, vehicle immobilized (booted), and/or vehicle towed. Students will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and employees will have their supervisor notified.

IX. Enforcement

- A. Enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Regulations is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety.
- B. Fines must be paid at the Business Office located on the first floor of Selinsgrove Hall within four (4) university work days of the issuance of the ticket.
- C. Unpaid fines and penalties are treated as outstanding debts to the university at the end of each semester or when withdrawal or separation from the university occurs.

X. Parking and Traffic Violation Tickets

- A. Susquehanna University parking and traffic violation tickets may only be issued by members of the Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety.
- B. Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety officers are authorized to issue tickets for Susquehanna University and the Borough of Selinsgrove. Tickets issued on behalf of SU will be handled by the Business Office for billing. Tickets issued on behalf of the Borough of Selinsgrove will be handled by the Borough Police Department.
- C. Parking and traffic violation tickets will be the most common enforcement measure; however, there will be times that illegally parked vehicles do not receive a parking ticket. This will not be an excuse or defense for others to illegally park vehicles.
- D. A copy of an issued parking ticket will be placed on the front windshield and under the driver-side wiper blade of the offending vehicle. In the event that an offending vehicle leaves the scene prior to the parking ticket being issued; a copy of the parking ticket will be mailed to the campus residence of the offender. In the event that there is no campus address the copy of the parking ticket will be sent to the address of registration of the vehicle.

XI. Immobilization (Booting)

- A. The Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety in the following circumstances may immobilize or boot a vehicle parked in violation of regulations:
 - 1. A vehicle parked in violation of regulations by an affiliate of the university and the vehicle fails to display a valid registration sticker.
 - 2. Three or more unpaid parking and traffic violation tickets assigned to the vehicle in question.
 - 3. Vehicles registered to students who are parked in a space designated for faculty, staff or visitors.
- B. The cost to have the boot removed from the vehicle will be \$25 in addition to the fine attached to the ticket. There will be an additional \$15 fine for each business day the boot remains on the vehicle (up to five business days). At this point the booted vehicle is subject to being towed at the owner's expense (\$85).
- C. Individuals who have a boot on their vehicle must contact the Department of Public Safety (570-372-4444) to have the device removed. The owner of the vehicle will be billed for the cost of this process.
- D. Damage to the boot caused by an operator of the offending vehicle in an attempt to free said vehicle will be considered vandalism and subject the involved individual to replacement costs, fines and possibly criminal charges.
- E. Interference with a Department of Public Safety official in the performance of their duties may result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct, employee's supervisor or possible criminal charges.

XII. Towing

- A. The Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety in the following circumstances may tow a vehicle parked in violation of regulations:

1. Vehicle parked in a hazardous position as interpreted by a member of the Susquehanna University Department of Public Safety.
 2. Vehicle parked in a fire lane.
 3. Vehicle parked in a space designated by a handicapped sign without a proper handicapped registration plate or placard.
 4. Five (5) or more unpaid parking and traffic violation tickets assigned to the vehicle in question.
 5. More than three (3) parking and traffic violation tickets of the same offense.
 6. Vehicle parked in a roadway, loading zone, sidewalk, blocking handicapped access to sidewalk, field, grassy area etc.
 7. Vehicle parked in any space not intended for vehicle parking.
- B. Susquehanna University uses a vendor for all towing incidents:
- Keller's Auto Body Inc.**
825 N. High Street
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
Phone: 570-374-4333
- C. Vehicles towed to vendor will be recovered at owner's expense. Susquehanna University does not receive any funds from towing incidents. The cost to the owner to recover a vehicle is \$85. If the operator arrives at the tow truck after the offending vehicle is attached to the truck, the cost will be \$50 to have the vehicle unattached to the tow truck. This will be in addition to the fine attached to the ticket.
- D. Interference with a Department of Public Safety official in the performance of their duties may result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct, employee's supervisor or possible criminal charges.

XIII. Extenuating Circumstances

- A. Realizing that there are many extenuating circumstances, the Department of Public Safety will work with all members of our community in situations where special traffic or parking arrangements may need to occur. If someone needs a special arrangement (Loading/unloading, overnight arrival, escort, etc.) the Department of Public Safety must be notified prior to the need of a special arrangement. If the Department of Public Safety does not receive notification, the vehicle is subject to all regulations and sanctions for violation.

XIV. Appeals

- A. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Office of Student Conduct located inside the Student Life Suite at the Degenstein Campus Center.
- B. Appeal must be made within 10 calendar days of the issuance of the Parking and Traffic Violation ticket. Appeals will not be accepted after this time unless approved by the assistant vice president for student life/ director of public safety.
- C. Appeal forms are available on line at www.susqu.edu/safety.

D. The Office of Student Conduct will periodically convene a Student Conduct Board to review appeals. The Student Conduct Board will determine the merits of the appeal and will issue a decision to either deny the appeal or uphold the appeal and void the ticket. The board may also decide reduce the fine of the sanction. The board will review appeals involving towing to immobilization of vehicles. The decision of the board is final.

XV. Payment

A. Payment of fines should be made to the Business Office, located on the first floor of Selinsgrove Hall, or may be mailed to the same office. All checks should be made to Susquehanna University.