



2011-2012 Parking Policy & Procedures

Policy

In accordance with A.C.A. 25-17-307 and the Board of Trustees, NWACC has the authority to establish rules and regulations for the registration, operation, and parking of all vehicles including fines and penalties. The established rules and regulations are binding on all employees, students and all others utilizing any and all lands owned or controlled by NWACC. The established rules, regulations, and procedures for enforcement are published annually for review.

Regulations and Procedures

A. NorthWest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) strives to provide adequate parking for students, employees, and visitors. Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and motor scooters are considered motor vehicles and their operators are required to comply with all college parking and traffic regulations as well as state and municipal laws while on campus. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a citation, immobilization and/or towing of the vehicle. Individuals receiving citations may file an appeal to the Chairperson of the Judicial Committee.

- 1. Students** – Students must pick up a parking hangtag or decal which will be valid for an academic year. Hangtag distribution locations will be announced prior to the beginning of each semester. The hangtag or decal must be displayed on any vehicle parked on the campus. Loss of hangtags must be verified by the Department of Public Safety and will be replaced for a fee.
- 2. Employees** – Employees must complete an on-line application for a parking hangtag or decal prior to the beginning of each academic year to authorize payroll deduction for the hangtag. Forms are located on the college website. Those desiring to pay cash for the hangtag may do so at the Cashier's Office. The hangtag or decal is issued to the individual and must be displayed on any vehicle parked on campus. Full-time employees also have the option of purchasing a reserved parking space in the parking garage or surface area. Loss of hangtags must be verified by the Department of Public Safety and be replaced for a fee. Replacement hangtags must be paid for at the Cashier's Office and picked up at the Department of Public Safety or Operations Offices.

B. Parking Areas

Some areas and spaces are posted to indicate restricted parking as marked. All vehicles parked in restricted areas and spaces must conform to the posted restrictions or obtain special permission from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for any exception. Restricted parking areas and reserved and numbered spaces are enforced at all times.

- 1. Student** - Student parking is available in designated student parking areas at each NWACC facility, and all levels of the parking garage other than those spaces designated as handicapped, reserved/numbered, visitor, or service vehicle.
- 2. Employees**
Employees parking areas will be designated on the surface parking lots for each NWACC facility. Employees reserved parking will also be designated in surface parking areas and the parking garage. Employees may park in the surface student parking areas when their parking areas are full. On the rare occasion that all spaces in the surface parking areas are full, employees may park in the overflow parking lots or as a last resort the parking garage; however, the Department of Public Safety must be notified immediately if an employee parks in the garage.

3. Visitors

Visitors may park in any designated visitor parking area or any student parking area. Limited time parking for visitors will be in the circle drive in front of Burns Hall. Visitors may obtain a visitor's hangtag, at no cost, at the Department of Public Safety office. Event planners may secure temporary parking permits for non-employee or student groups and mail those permits to participants prior to the event. Currently enrolled students or employees are NOT considered visitors.

4. Service/Vendor Vehicles

Vendor or service vehicles will have a designated parking area.

5. Disability Accessible Parking

Disability accessible parking will be located in the most convenient building access areas and the parking garage. State issued handicapped placards or tags as well as NWACC-issued hangtags are required and both must be visible.

6. Motorcycle Parking

Motorcycle and/or scooters will park in designated areas only and require a NWACC issued decal.

C. Campus Parking and Traffic Regulations

The speed limit on campus is 10 mph. Parking and traffic laws and regulations are enforced by Department of Public Safety officers at all times. These rules and regulations are designed to provide orderly parking for students, employees and visitors, to ensure emergency access to campus facilities, and provide a safe environment for all.

D. Citations

Failure to comply with campus parking and traffic regulations may result in the issuance of a citation. Each citation, except an "unauthorized parking in disability accessible space" citation, has a corresponding fine from \$25 to \$50. Subsequent violations by the same individual may result in an amount double the initial fine.** All fines must be paid or an appeal filed within ten (10) business days of issuance. Some violations may be handled under State statutes in District Court.

Violations for which drivers may receive citations include but are not limited to the following:

\$25.00 Fines

- Parking in employee designated space without valid hang tag
- Parking in parking garage without valid hang tag
- Unauthorized parking in a visitor only or limited-time space without a valid hangtag
- Parking without a valid hangtag
- Parking on the lawn
- Parking in crosswalks
- Parking motorcycle in non-designated space
- Parking in Police parking only
- Parking over the line
- Parking in a non-designated area
- Backing into parking spaces in the Parking Garage only, except for motorcycles
- Failure to yield right of way
- Failure to obey traffic control device
- Speeding

\$50.00 Fine plus possible towing expense

- Parking in a manner that impedes traffic flow
- Hazardous driving
- Parking in fire lane or by fire hydrant
- Parking in reserved space without valid hang tag

\$100.00 Fine plus possible towing expense

- Unauthorized parking in disability accessible parking space

****Other fines or sanctions will be determined by the Judicial Committee.**

E. Vehicle Towing/Immobilization

NWACC reserves the right to tow/immobilize any vehicle on college owned or controlled property without a current parking hangtag, vehicles parked in numbered reserved parking spaces without appropriate hangtag, vehicles parked in a fire lane or by a fire hydrant, or vehicles parked in disability accessible parking spaces without appropriate hangtag and/or license plate. Vehicles may also be towed if parked so as to impede the access of emergency vehicles or where causing a traffic or pedestrian hazard or as deemed necessary by college officials. Any person whose vehicle is towed or immobilized should see the Public Safety Office in Burns Hall for information. Drivers and/or owners of towed vehicles will be responsible for towing and/or storage charges where applicable.

F. Citation Appeal Process

Anyone receiving tickets/citations issued by NWACC's Department of Public Safety has the right to appeal if they feel the citation is unjustified. Citation appeals are administered under the auspices of NWACC's Judicial Committee. The appeal process must be initiated within ten (10) working days of the date of the ticket issue. To initiate the process, an online appeal form must be completed. The appeal form is located on NWACC's website on the Department of Public Safety page.

The Chair of the Judicial Committee will give notice of the date, time, and location that the Parking Citation Appeal Committee will meet. The committee will meet within twelve (12) working days of the receipt of the appeal. The person appealing will be given the opportunity to appear in person at the meeting to state their case, but a personal appearance is not mandatory. After the determination is made, the Chair of the Judicial Committee will notify the person appealing of the outcome.

If payment is due, it must be made within ten (10) working days of the appeal notice outcome. If the fine is not paid on time a hold will be placed on the person's account and they will be unable to get grades, transcripts, have their records sent to another college/graduate school or purchase a future hangtag until payment is received.

Anyone may choose to appeal the determination made by the administrative review of the Parking Citation Appeal Committee. They may file an appeal with the Bentonville District Court. Court costs or additional fines may be incurred. A written request must be made to the District Court asking for the matter to be set for trial within thirty (30) days of receiving the citation.