

## Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

### MOTOR VEHICLE RULES AND PARKING REGULATIONS

The following rules are for the mutual safety of all students, employees and visitors. Your cooperation, compliance and familiarity with these rules are expected as long as you desire to drive and park on this campus/center.

#### SECTION 1. Motor Vehicle Registration (parking permit):

- All employees and students who operate a motor vehicle on a MGCCC Campus must register said vehicle with the Campus Police Department within three (3) days of first bringing said vehicle on to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College property.
- Students shall register their vehicles during class registration at the appropriate station. After registration, students may register their vehicles at the Campus Police Department. All others may register at the Campus Police Department
- A permit will be issued upon registration of the vehicle. The permit shall be displayed by hanging it on the rear view mirror.
- If a registered vehicle is sold, traded, or otherwise disposed of, it is the responsibility of the individual who registered said vehicle to remove the permit and register any other vehicle that may be used as a replacement. The original permit may be returned to the Police Department for a replacement permit.
- Individuals with temporary or permanent physical handicaps may be given a special registration permit upon request from the Campus Police Department.
- A temporary permit may be obtained for instances where by a driver brings a vehicle on campus for use of less than seven (7) days. If the vehicle is to be used for more than seven (7) days, a resident, commuter or staff permit should be obtained and displayed appropriately.
- All student owned golf carts will not be allowed to register and will not be allowed to operate on campus.

#### SECTION 2. Parking Regulations:

- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College reserves the right to regulate the use and operation of any motor vehicle on a MGCCC Campus/Center and to forbid the use of any motor vehicle by any person whose conduct in any way demonstrates a failure to comply with or obey the MGCCC Campus Motor Vehicle Rules and Regulations.
- The responsibility for finding a legal parking space rests with the motor vehicle operator. Lack of parking space is not considered a valid excuse for violation of parking regulations.
- The individual who registers a motor vehicle, regardless of who was actually operating the vehicle at a particular time, is at all times responsible for that motor vehicle.
- Citations issued against an unregistered motor vehicle will be the responsibility of the student whose family, legal guardian or themselves has leased, purchased, or licensed the vehicle.

- **THE FINE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED VIOLATIONS IS TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) PER VIOLATION. HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATION'S, ARE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)**

##### PARKING:

- On or adjacent to any yellow curb.
- On any sidewalk.
- On any lawn or grassed area.
- In or obstructing any driveway.
- In or obstructing any "loading zone."
- In any "No Parking" zone.
- In any manner obstructing/impeding pedestrian/vehicular traffic
- In a double or multiple manner.
- Obstructing any fire hydrant or fire lane.
- In any place not designated by painted lines as a parking area or space.
- In any area of the campus, which has been closed off by the use of barricades, signs, yellow lines or other traffic control devices.

- In "reserved" or "restricted" areas or spaces.
  - Without a current and valid motor vehicle parking decal.
  - Displaying an improper, defaced or altered parking decal.
  - In designated "HANDICAPPED" spaces.
  - In designated "Maintenance" spaces.
  - Failure to display a current and valid motor vehicle parking permit in a prominent and conspicuous manner on the rear view mirror.
- **Zone Parking:**
    - Persons with serious physical conditions or handicaps may be given special parking privileges upon request for such consideration with the proper documentation from the Chief of Campus Police.
    - Motorcycles, motor scooters, and motorbikes are not to be parked in buildings, near doorways or entrances to buildings, sidewalks, at places where sidewalks intersect streets, grassed areas or other places where signs or yellow lines indicate parking restrictions.
    - Visitors - Zone parking and decal requirements are not applicable to visitors. Visitors may obtain a temporary parking permit at the Campus Police Department. Visitors are required to comply with all other motor vehicle rules and regulations.
    - To display a current valid permit on any vehicle for which it was not originally issued is strictly prohibited.
    - The owner and/or operator of a vehicle in violation of this section will be subject to disciplinary action by the proper administrative authorities and the permit shall be returned to the Campus Police Department to be canceled.
  - **Enforced zone hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**  
 During other times, vehicles may park in any legitimate parking space (except those specifically designated as handicapped, reserved, etc.)
    - **During zone hours, residence hall students** are to park in lots adjacent to the residence halls. Vehicles authorized to park in residence hall lots must display a hangtag from the rearview mirror labeled **"Resident."**
    - **During zone hours, commuter students** are to park in lots adjacent to buildings other than residence halls. Vehicles authorized to park in commuter lots must display a hangtag from the rearview mirror labeled **"Commuter."**
    - **During zone hours, employees** may park in any lot. Vehicles authorized to park in these lots must display a hangtag from the rearview mirror labeled —Staff
    - During zone hours, Campus Police will issue citations for unauthorized parking to vehicles parked in unauthorized lots.

### **SECTION 3. State and Campus Moving Violations:**

- State and Campus moving violations (tickets) occurring on any MGCCC Campus grounds, streets, roads or thoroughfares will be processed by Campus Administrative disposition (campus citation) and/or County Justice Court (state citation).
- The following is a list of some of the traffic violations to be enforced. In addition to these stated violations, all state laws pertaining to any act, which, if committed within the state of Mississippi, would be criminal and punishable, shall also be criminal and punishable on all MGCCC Campus grounds, streets, roads and thoroughfares. The minimum fine for each of the following listed violations is **twenty-five (\$25.00)** per violation for campus citations and more for state citations.
  1. Speeding in excess of the posted speed limits (15 mph) or in reckless disregard for existing condition of weather visibility, or vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.
  2. Reckless operation of a motor vehicle.
  3. Disregarding traffic signs, signals, flagmen or law enforcement officers attempting to direct traffic.
  4. Leaving the scene of a traffic accident.
  5. Failure to yield to or stop for an emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights and/or siren and/or horn.
  6. Failure to obey a lawful order given by any law enforcement officer.
  7. Passing on any Campus maintenance road, street, or thoroughfare.
  8. Failure to possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

9. Operating an un-licensable motor vehicle on any Campus maintained road, street, or thoroughfare
  10. Operating a motorcycle, motor scooter or other motorized two-, three-, or four-wheeled open vehicle without a crash helmet approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)
  11. Driving under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and/or mind altering drugs.
  12. Vehicle noise – No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on any street, parking lot, or driveway, shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system, including, but not limited to, any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker, or any other electrical device used for the amplification of sound from within the motor vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 25 or more feet from the vehicle. —Plainly audible means any sound that clearly can be heard by a direct line of sight of fifty or more feet. Words or phrases need not be discernible and said sound shall include bass reverberation.
  13. Other violations of the "Rules of the Road (" Mississippi Code of 1972, Title 63, Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations) may also be enforced.
- Payment for each violation shall be made to the Business Office window during regular business hours. Individuals have five (5) school days from the date the ticket was issued to pay said violations. Payment of penalty constitutes a waiving of hearing.
  - Any indebtedness by a student due to a traffic citation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more will result in a hold being placed on the student's academic records.

#### **SECTION 4. CAMPUS PARKING AND MOVING VIOLATION APPEALS:**

- Any person issued a citation shall be entitled to an administrative hearing before the Chief of Campus Police. The officer issuing the citation may be required to attend the hearing.
- Persons wishing to appeal a citation must register their appeal with the Chief of Campus Police within five (5) days of issuance, whereupon an appeals date may be arranged. The failure of an individual to appear at an arranged hearing or failure to submit a request for appeal within five (5) days of issuance of a citation shall be considered a waiver to the individual's right to a hearing. The person will be notified in writing of the appeals ruling. The findings of the Chief of Campus Police will be final.

#### **SECTION 5. ABANDONED VEHICLES:**

- Abandoned vehicles will be defined as any unregistered vehicle left unattended on the Campus/Center grounds, roads, streets, or thoroughfares for a period of fifteen (15) days.
- Abandoned vehicles will be towed away and disposed of by the MGCCC Campus Police Department or their agents. The MGCCC Campus Police Department and/or their agents shall make a reasonable effort to identify and notify the owner of an abandoned vehicle of its removal and impoundment.

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and/or its agents or employees shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any damage to an abandoned vehicle occurring during removal or impoundment and/or storage.**