



**AUXILIARY SERVICES PARKING AND
TRANSPORTATION**

**PARKING POLICIES, REGULATIONS,
CITATIONS, AND APPEALS**

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I. Vehicle Identification and Liability

The University has adopted the following regulations to ensure safe, courteous, and orderly vehicle operations and parking on campus. **It is the responsibility of the owner and driver of the vehicle to know and follow these regulations to prevent being cited for any violation.**

Vehicle identification is required in order to purchase a parking permit, for any vehicle operated by a member of the University community on the University campus or any property owned or leased by the University. In accordance with Georgia State Law, any vehicle operated on the campus as well as any other State roadway must contain proof of liability insurance and the driver must possess a current State driver's license. Savannah State University assumes no responsibility, nor creates any liability, for the care and/or protection of any vehicle, or its contents, while it is on campus, whether the activity is academic, extra-curricular, or recreational.

II. Vehicle Permits (Decals) and Fees

A. All students, faculty, and staff who park on campus are required to obtain a University parking permit (go to www.savannahstate.edu/permit and login using your SSU network ID and password), unless the vehicle has a **valid** decal or other type of permit from another University System of Georgia institution (<http://www.usg.edu/inst/>).

B. Individuals may only purchase permits for those vehicles to which they, their spouse, parents or guardians hold the title or lien. **Individuals are responsible for citations written on all vehicles on their account.**

C. All permits expire on August 31 each year or for as long as the student is currently enrolled in classes, or the employee is employed. The subsequent year's permit may be placed on a vehicle prior to August 31.

D. A residential permit is only valid for the current term a student is enrolled and registered to live in University housing. Students moving from one residential facility to another must purchase a new permit for \$10, unless moving from one General Residential Parking ("up-top" location) to another, then the permit can be kept. Students moving off-campus from on-campus or vice-versa must purchase an appropriate new permit for \$10.

E. Unless a reserved parking space is purchased, the purchase of a parking permit does not guarantee parking in a specific space on campus. Reserve parking spaces are reserved 24/7.

F. Permits and Citations are official documents of the University. Persons falsifying, copying, stealing, altering or mutilating an official document will be subject to criminal and administrative action.

G. Cost of permits from July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018:

- Resident Student - \$55 per year
- Commuter Student - \$55 per year
- Faculty/Staff - \$90 per year
- Reserved - \$175 per year
- Retiree - \$55 per year

Vendor Parking - \$90 per year
Stadium Parking - \$25 per year

H. Temporary Parking Visitor's Day Pass

Under the following circumstances, a temporary parking day pass can be downloaded and printed from online at www.savannahstate.edu/permit.

a. **Visitors.** Visitors must obtain a pass at the LaRoche Avenue Information Booth or Falligant Street Information Booth. Visitors or guests requiring a permit longer than one day must make their request at the Auxiliary Services Parking and Transportation Office in King-Frazier 127 on the next business day. Students having overnight guests must submit an approval of visitation form from housing when requesting a permit for residential parking.

b. **Workshop Groups/Department Volunteers.** A special permit will be provided by the events coordinator or Auxiliary Services staff which will allow members of groups coming onto campus to be identified for the duration of their workshop or service. Contact Auxiliary Services at 912-358-3109 for more information.

c. **Contractors.** On-campus long-term contractors follow the same rules as SSU employees. Contractors coming onto campus for one day must follow the instructions for Visitors. Contractors coming onto campus for multiple days must have a special temporary permit made for them by Auxiliary Services. Departments hiring these contractors are responsible for notifying Auxiliary Services of the needed permits. Parking for these contractors will be limited in time and location.

I. Temporary Parking Permits

Under the following circumstances, temporary parking permits will be issued from the Auxiliary Services Office in 127 King-Frazier to University community members who have already purchased a permit. In every case, you must bring with you the information required below, and the make, model, and tag (license plate) number of the vehicle. If you find you require a one-day temporary pass, you may download it from the parking portal. **Temporary passes are not provided for employees or students who have not purchased a permit. Please do not request an exemption based on financial need.**

a. **Rental or Loaner Vehicle.** When you are using a rental or loaner vehicle to replace your own vehicle, you must present evidence as to the length of time your vehicle will be disabled. The temporary permit will be issued only for the length of time your vehicle will be disabled.

b. **New Vehicle.** Your tag application or other official documentation must be presented as proof of the date of purchase. If you currently have a temporary dealership license tag, you will need to register your vehicle and input the temporary dealership tag. Once your permanent license tag arrives, you will need to bring your registration information to Auxiliary Services Parking and Transportation (King-Frazier 127) so that your account can be updated.

c. **Mechanical Repairs.** You can receive a temporary permit for mechanical repairs up to 5 days with no documentation, as long as you have purchased a permit. After 5 days,

documentation from the repair shop showing how long the car is expected to be in the shop must be presented in order for a renewal to be issued.

Temporary parking permits are issued for \$5.00 each for:

- a. Students beginning school during the second summer session,
- b. Students bringing cars onto campus for a period of no more than two weeks during the semester. Consecutive passes will not be issued.
- c. SSU employees or temporaries hired for fewer than 60 days (upon receipt of e-mail from the hiring supervisor),
- d. Summer group attendees staying overnight on campus,
- e. Summer group instructors, and
- f. SSU employees hired after the first of June or first of December, through the end of those months only.

Those needing accommodations for temporary disabilities should contact the University Disabilities Coordinator for a temporary hangtag. This hangtag will **not** allow you to park in a handicap (ADA) or reserved parking space. For that purpose, you must have an official ADA hangtag or license plate registered to you.

J. Parking Restrictions

Savannah State University Parking citations are issued to vehicles that violate the University's parking rules, regulations, and procedures. **The name of the individual listed as registrant is responsible for the violation, regardless of who was driving the vehicle at the time of the infraction.** If fines are not paid, the Bursar's office will be responsible for collections. This means that failure to pay parking citations will result in a student not being permitted to register for classes, graduate, or receive a transcript until the fine is paid. If the violator is a faculty or staff member, any outstanding fine will prevent them from clearing the University upon termination of employment.

On nights and weekends, students bringing to campus a vehicle without a current permit must park outside residential area until a permit is purchased the following business day.

Parking restrictions are in effect 7:30 AM-4:00 PM Monday through Friday on class days, except for parking in residential lots, which is in effect 24/7 and enforced day and night. Reserved and ADA (handicap) spaces, as well as yellow curb, parking on the grass, etc., are enforced 24/7, except during special events such as Commencement, Homecoming, Housing Move-In, Week of Welcome, etc.

All parking lots have lot signs indicating the permit category of who is permitted to park in the designated lots. The assigned parking locations for each parking permit category are as follows:

- a. **Resident** – Resident students will be assigned to a parking lot closest to their resident hall on a first-come, first-served basis. During restricted hours, resident students in University Commons, University Village, or Tiger Court/Wright Hall must park in their assigned lots. Students living on the east side of campus (“up top”), may park in any of the other residential lots (other than University Commons, University Village, or Wright Hall), or in the General Residential Parking spaces on the Alexis Circle or in the Hubert

Tech parking lot. University Village and University Commons residents may not park in General Residential Parking.

- b. **Commuter** – Commuter students will be allowed to park in any parking lots designated as Commuter lots during restricted hours. Commuter students may not park in areas not designated as Commuter lots. Commuter students may not park in any residential parking lot at any time, day or night.
- c. **Faculty and Staff** – Faculty and staff will be allowed to park in any parking lots designated as Faculty and Staff lots, or in spaces in other lots specifically designated for faculty or staff.
- d. **Reserved Parking** – Spaces throughout campus are designated as reserved spaces. These spaces may be purchased by current faculty or staff on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who purchase reserved parking permits are also authorized to park anywhere on campus where a legal space is available, except for other reserved spaces or spaces marked for specific purposes, such as for visitors or State vehicles. Reserved spaces may not be enforced during registration, housing move-in, open campus, homecoming, or other major University events.
- e. **Retirees** – Retired employees of SSU may purchase a retiree permit, which will allow the retiree to park in any faculty or staff space (except for a reserved space).
- f. **Vendor** – Employees of on-campus vendors may park in any parking lots designated as Faculty and Staff lots, or in spaces in other lots specifically designated for faculty or staff. The cost for a vendor parking permit is \$85 per year.
- g. **Discount Stadium Parking** - Commuters, Faculty and Staff, and Visitors are allowed to park at the T. A. Wright Stadium parking lot. The cost is \$25 per year. Shuttle service is available at the NROTC building to transport riders onto campus.

K. Spaces throughout campus are designated as 15/30 minutes parking. These spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. Any vehicle that exceeds the designated time limit will be cited. All permit categories are permitted to park in time restricted spaces as long as they do not exceed the time limit.

L. **No one with a Savannah State permit may park in a space marked for visitors.**

M. Prices after January 1 of each year change to one-half price for all purchasers. This also applies to all students and employees on campus for the first time for the first session of summer school, including transient students.

N. Replacement permits require a \$10 administrative fee. This is for all replacement permits, regardless of whether it is for a new vehicle, a wrecked vehicle, windshield replacement, permit lost or stolen, etc.

O. One additional permits may be purchased for \$10 for vehicles that you will be driving, unless other arrangements have been made with Parking and Transportation. **Individuals are responsible for citations written on all vehicles on their account.** Where two employees in the same family, or an employee and a student in the same family, bring separate cars to campus, each must purchase a separate permit at full cost. Additional permits are for the primary permit owner to be able to park an alternative vehicle on campus.

P. The permit **must be affixed to the lower left corner of the driver's side windshield**, using the sticky substance on the permit (tape or other type of affixing is not permitted). The permit goes on the inside of the window. Please be careful not to block your driving vision when affixing the permit.

Q. Motorcycle permits must be affixed to the rear fender area.

R. Improperly displayed permits, copied/fake permits, or failure to display a permit will be considered a parking violation and will be cited accordingly. **Upon the 3rd citation for not having a permit, improperly displaying a permit, and/or parking in an unauthorized area, vehicles will be booted.**

S. If your vehicle breaks down, do not abandon it. Contact Parking Services immediately at 912-358-3109. If your vehicle is abandoned in a reserved or handicap (ADA) space, it will be towed that day.

IV. Parking Violations

Parking violations include but may not be limited to:

- Parking on campus without a permit, with an expired permit, or with a stolen or fraudulent permit. **Note:** A stolen or fraudulent permit may result in criminal and/or administrative/ethics charges.
- Improperly displaying a permit. An improperly displayed permit would include but not be limited to the following: a permit not visible, or in any other place other than the bottom left corner (driver side) of the windshield. Temporary passes must be placed on the dashboard on the left side (driver's side).
- Parking in a "fire zone" as indicated by a red curb or in front of a fire hydrant (will subject the vehicle to immediate towing).
- Parking in an area designated as either a handicapped parking space or an area reserved for handicap access, such as ramps.
- Parking in reserved areas or spaces denoted for special parking; i.e. President, NROTC, faculty/staff, visitor, any space marked "reserved" by signs and/or painting on the curb or asphalt, etc.
- Parking in a no parking zone or area designated with yellow curbs, control signs or barricades.
- Parking on the grass or sidewalks.
- Double-parking a vehicle. Parking a vehicle in a manner that takes up two parking spaces
- Parking a vehicle so it blocks in another vehicle.
- Parking a vehicle in a parking space against the flow of traffic.
- Parking in the travel lane or driveway of any parking lot.
- Parking in a lot not approved for the permit type during restricted hours.
- Parking any time in any residential parking lot by anyone other than current resident students with a valid residential permit for that lot.
- Damaging or tampering with boots, gate arms, signs, or other parking equipment.
- Parking in unauthorized area such as loading zones, and University Vehicle spaces.

The University reserves the right to implement additional parking regulations as necessary to meet its parking and traffic control objectives.

V. Penalties

- A. Parking violations may result in parking citations, towing, booting, and/or banning of the vehicle from campus.
- B. Vehicles may be booted and/or towed at the owner's expense in the following situations. Additional violations may be included in this section with limited notice, as needed to assure adherence to regulations.
 - A vehicle which blocks, hinders, or obstructs a legally parked vehicle, trash dumpster, crosswalk, sidewalk, handicapped access area, service drive, or loading zone.
 - A vehicle parked in any type of reserved area.
 - A vehicle parked in a fire lane.
 - A vehicle parked on a yellow curb.
 - A vehicle parked in a designated handicap/ADA parking spaces without an official State handicap license plate, placard or hangtag.
 - A vehicle which has received a total of \$250 worth of unpaid parking violations. A vehicle which displays a stolen, lost, altered, fake or expired permit. **Note:** A stolen or fraudulent permit may result in criminal and/or administrative/ethics charges.
 - A vehicle with no current permit after the 3rd citation more than one week after the date established for a new permit.
 - A vehicle parked in a Visitors space with a Savannah State University permit.
 - A vehicle abandoned for more than 5 days, regardless of whether it has a permit.

A vehicle left in the on-campus tow yard for more than 5 days will be towed offsite at the owner's expense. The owner will still be responsible for the on-site citation(s), booting, and towing.

THE PARKING APPEALS BOARD

The Parking Appeals Board (PAB) is an essential component in assuring that the parking rules and regulations of the University are applied fairly and impartially. The duties and responsibilities of the PAB will be to review appeals for parking citations received on the Savannah State University campus.

THE APPEALS PROCESS

Anyone receiving a parking citation on the Savannah State University campus has a right to appeal the citation to the PAB. The PAB is tasked with the responsibility of reviewing, investigating, and rendering a final decision to either uphold or dismiss the citation. The Board has five members, identified as: one sworn Public Safety Officer, two representatives from the Student Government Association, one staff member, and one faculty member. A student is not eligible to chair the PAB. The person serving in the capacity of chair will be elected by the PAB members at the first meeting. The chair can only serve a maximum of two consecutive academic

years. The PAB shall require the attendance of two members exclusive of the chair or his/her designee in order to convene for business for any appeal. The PAB shall convene at least monthly during the academic year, or as often as necessary to assess and investigate appeals. The PAB may complete their processes by e-mail when time is of the essence. The PAB shall conduct all investigations in compliance with Federal and State Laws, Board of Regents rules and regulations, and Savannah State University policies and procedures.

All appeals must be submitted online at www.savannahstate.edu/permit. **The appeal must be received within 10 calendar days from the date of the citation.** The right of appeal is forfeited after the 10 calendar days. The PAB shall render a final decision. The appellant will be notified of the decision in writing within 10 business days following the PAB meeting at which the appeal was heard either via email or United States Postal Service.

When the appellant initiates the appeal process, he or she must indicate why the patroller/officer was wrong or negligent in the performance of his or her duties when the citation was issued. Appealing for reasons such as “late for class, no parking spaces were available, other people were parked there, I’ve always parked there before, etc.” are not justifiable reasons for consideration. Ignorance of the regulations is also not a justifiable reason for appeal. When appealing, the appellant must adhere to the following policies and procedures:

- Submit appeal request online at www.savannahstate.edu/permit.
- After 10 calendar days, the right to appeal is forfeited.
- Upload and attach to the online appeal electronic request any and all related material to justify your request, including tickets and receipts.
- If the PAB needs additional information, you will be notified via email and/or phone to submit the requested additional information.
- Only appellants can appeal their own citations, not friends, relatives, roommates, etc.
- Potential graduates’ rights to appeal a citation within one month of his/her graduation are forfeited. A reminder notice will be sent to all potential graduating seniors with parking permits. Parking fines must be paid in full in order to graduate or receive transcripts.
- **PAB decisions are final and are not subject to additional review.**
- Regardless of whether an appeal is submitted or not, the citation to which it pertains is due and payable when the citation was issued. If/when a citation appeal is overturned, then amount paid will be credited to the citation charge on the parking account and posted to PAWS (student account).