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Introduction

- 1.) The provisions of the TMCC Parking Code, hereinafter referred to as the Code, are adopted for the purpose of promoting safe and orderly parking within the boundaries of the Truckee Meadows Community College main campus, its satellite centers; or grounds and properties owned, operated, or controlled by TMCC.
- 2.) All parking provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes and Reno Municipal Code are expressly applicable on the College except for those provisions, which by their very nature have no application.
- 3.) Parking of motor vehicles on the College is limited to specially designated areas set forth in the articles of this code. Vehicle registration is required. Vehicles parked in violation of this code are subject to fines, booting, and towing.
- 4.) All persons who enter the College are charged with knowing the provisions of the Code and are subject to the penalties for violations of such provisions.
- 5.) All current provisions of the TMCC Parking Code shall be maintained for public inspection at all times at the TMCC Police Department, the President's Office, and the Student Affairs Office.

Purpose Statement

The following parking rules and regulations are adopted by the College to facilitate parking and to provide for the safety of all persons at Truckee Meadows Community College. These rules and regulations are in effect at all times.

Articles

Article I - Enforcement

101: Authority

NRS 289.350 – Members of Police Department of University and Community College System of Nevada grants TMCC police officers powers within the confines and along the perimeter of College property. TMCC authorizes TMCC Police Department to issue parking citations within its boundaries. All duly sworn officers of the TMCC Police Department may enforce the provisions of these articles, or other such persons as assigned by the Chief of Police. Said citations may be issued for violations of:

1. Regulations set forth by TMCC.
2. All applicable provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes and Reno Municipal Code relating to the parking of vehicles.

All TMCC Parking citations shall include a warning, which states: "Repeated violations may result in the immobilizing or towing of the vehicle."

Article II - Parking Regulations

201: Curb colors - defined

Painted curbs are an indication of restricted parking and the color of the curb denotes the type of parking allowed. The following color code is adopted:

Red Zone: Indicates no parking or stopping at any time whether the vehicle is attended or not.

Yellow Zone: Indicates an area for the loading and unloading of vehicles and the parking of service vehicles.

Blue Zone: Indicates parking spaces designed to enable access to persons with disabilities. These spaces are hereinafter referred to as "Handicapped Parking Spaces." These spaces are marked pursuant to NRS 484.408 - Parking space designated for handicapped: Signs; Required plates, stickers or placards for parking.

201A: Red Zone [■]

No person shall park or stop any vehicle, whether attended or not, in any area where the curb is painted red.

201B: Yellow Zone [■]

No person shall park, stop, or leave unattended any vehicle in a yellow zone, unless the person is actively engaged in loading or unloading activities. Any person who engages in loading or unloading activities in a loading zone must have the vehicle emergency flashers operating and shall not leave the vehicle unattended for more than 30 minutes.

201C: Blue Zone [■]

No person shall park, stop, or leave unattended any vehicle in a Handicapped Parking Space without displaying valid placard, disabled person's, or disabled veteran's license plate issued by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles.

202: Blocking Traffic Lane

No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle blocking traffic lanes on any campus roadway or parking lot.

203: Parking in Areas Not Designed for Parking

No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle anywhere on the campus that is not designed for parking (e.g., sidewalk, pathway, unimproved land, or landscaped area).

204: "No Parking" Zone

No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle whether attended or unattended in any area posted or marked "No Parking."

205: Duty to Obey Signs

When signs or markings prohibiting or limiting parking are erected on any road, street, or area, no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon such street, road, or area in violation of such sign or marking.

206: Blocking Gate or Drive

No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle in front of, or in any way blocking any access gate or driveway on campus.

207: Motorcycle Parking

Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and bicycles shall be parked in designated motorcycle and bicycle parking areas only.

208: Parking Within Lane

All vehicles shall be parked within a designated parking stall. A designated parking stall shall have two painted white lines – one on either side of the parked vehicle.

Article III - Meter Parking Regulations

301: Meter Payment Required / Expired Meter

Meter payment is required for parking in metered spaces. No vehicle shall be parked in a metered parking space while the meter indicates that time has expired.

Vehicles displaying a valid Department of Motor Vehicle issued handicapped placard or license plate shall be exempt from this section.

302: Feeding the Meter Prohibited

No vehicle shall be parked in any metered parking space for any period of time in excess of the limit posted. Each consecutive instance of parking beyond the maximum time posted shall constitute a separate violation, whether or not additional coins have been inserted.

Article IV - Immobilization of Vehicle

401: Immobilization

401A: (5 unpaid citations)

Whenever a vehicle has received (5) five or more unpaid parking violations, the vehicle may be immobilized until that person furnishes TMCC Police Department evidence of his/her identity and an address in the state at which he or she can be located, and satisfactory evidence that bail has been deposited for all notices of parking violations issued for the vehicle.

401B: (Habitual Offender)

Whenever a vehicle has received (5) five or more citations during any semester, the vehicle may be immobilized or towed for each subsequent violation.

402: Owner Responsibility

The registered owner of a vehicle immobilized on TMCC properties shall be responsible for all immobilization charges.

Article V - Removal of Vehicle

501: Authority to Tow

Any duly sworn officer of the TMCC Police Department, or any person who is engaged in enforcing parking regulations and laws, is authorized to remove or cause the removal of any vehicle from the College as follows:

1. The vehicle is obstructing traffic.
2. The vehicle creates an immediate danger to public safety (i.e., leaking gasoline, blocking fire zone or hydrant, etc.).
3. The vehicle's location violates established parking regulations (i.e., red zone, yellow zone, handicapped, etc.).
4. The officer has probable cause to believe the vehicle is stolen.
5. The officer has probable cause to believe the vehicle constitutes evidence of a crime and impoundment is reasonably necessary to obtain or preserve such evidence.
6. The officer has probable cause to believe the vehicle contains evidence of a crime and impoundment is reasonably necessary to obtain or preserve such evidence.

7. The driver of the vehicle is under arrest.
8. The vehicle is abandoned.
9. Whenever a vehicle is parked on campus and it has been determined that the vehicle has (5) five or more parking violations during any semester.
10. In accordance with NRS 487.038 - Removal of vehicles parked in unauthorized manner on private property; Conditions; Notice; Liability for costs.
11. In accordance with NRS 484.397 – Police officer authority to remove certain vehicles.

502: Owner Responsibility

The registered owner of a vehicle towed from TMCC properties shall be responsible for all towing and storage charges.

Article VI - Abandoned Vehicles

601: Abandoned Vehicle - Defined

No person shall abandon, or leave standing, any vehicle on campus for more than 72 consecutive hours. All such vehicles will be towed and stored.

602: Owner Responsibility

The registered owner of a vehicle abandoned on TMCC properties shall be responsible for all towing and storage charges.

Article VII - Parking Fees

701: Meter Fees

Monies collected from meters are retained by the Foundation.

702: Parking Citations Fees

Monies collected from citations are used to administer the parking program.

703: Reno Municipal Code / NRS Citation Fees

Monies collected for citations for Reno Municipal Code and Nevada Revised Statutes violations are subject to policies, procedures, bail, and fine schedules created by the jurisdiction. TMCC receives no revenue from these fines.

Article VIII - Appeals Process

801: Appeals

TMCC parking citations may be appealed.

802: Initiating an Appeal

The appellant must file to have his/her citation dismissed within (15) fifteen days of the citation issue date and must pay the full bail amount for the violation cited. The appellant must fully complete a Citation Appeals Form, submit the form to TMCCPD during normal business hours at the police department desk, and pay the bail amount before the appeal will be accepted.

803: Additional Witnesses

If the appellant wishes to present additional witness testimony, the appellant must secure a Witness Declaration Form from the witness. The Witness Declaration Form must be submitted together with the Citations Appeals Form and bail when the appeal is filed. Declaration forms are available at the TMCCPD desk. Witness declaration forms will not be accepted after the appeal has been filed.

804: Hearing Dates - Procedure

Upon receipt of the Citation Appeals Form, TMCCPD will advise the appellant of a hearing date, location, and time. The hearing will usually be scheduled within 30 days after the Citation Appeals Form is submitted. The appellant does not have to appear at the hearing. Attendance is optional.

805: Initial Appeal review

Upon receipt of an appeal, TMCCPD shall perform an initial appeals review. This review will occur within two business days after receipt.

A TMCCPD supervisor has the authority to take two courses of action. The supervisor may:

- 1.) Immediately dismiss a citation for a valid reason or
- 2.) Forward the appeal to the Hearing Officer for adjudication.

If the supervisor dismisses the citation, the appellant will be notified via U.S. mail. Additionally, TMCCPD will notify the Controller's Office to initiate a refund to the appellant any outstanding bail monies.

806: Valid Reasons for Dismissal

The only recognized valid reasons for dismissal are:

1. Meter out of order (must be verified by TMCCPD)
2. Handicapped permit or placard – not visible (may be used only one time per academic year)
3. Citing officer or department error
4. Official guest of the college (requires written request from college administrator)

807: Appointment of Hearing Officer

TMCC shall appoint a Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer shall schedule hearings once each month at dates and times, which are consistent with usual and customary business hours.

808: Hearing Officer Duties

The Hearing Officer shall review/hear the individual's appeal; consider any additional witness declarations; review the Citation Appeals Form, render his/her rulings immediately, and submit the proper paperwork to dispose of the matter. The Hearing Officer's ruling is final.

809: Hearing Officer Authority

The Hearing Officer has the authority to dismiss citations for those reasons listed in Section #806 - "Valid Reasons for Dismissal" only. The Hearing Officer may not reduce the scheduled bail or penalties.

810: Hearing Protocol

Hearings shall be open to the public. Individual hearings are limited to ten minutes in length. No sworn testimony shall be taken. No video or audiotape record shall be made or maintained. The appellant may make a verbal presentation. No additional appellant witness testimony will be allowed.

811: Appeals – RMC/NRS

TMCC has no authority to review or dismiss these citations. Appellants must contact the appropriate jurisdiction to obtain further information.

Article IX - Parking Citation Penalties

901: Citation Payment

Citations must be paid in full within 15 days of the date of the citation.

902: Late Fees – Past Due

Parking citations shall be increased in the sum of \$10.00 if not paid within 15 days, and increase in the sum of an additional \$10.00 if not paid within 30 days.

Example: If a citation is issued on 01/01, the violator has until 01/15 to pay the posted bail amount. Between 01/16 and 01/30, the violator must pay the bail amount plus an additional \$10.00 penalty. Commencing 01/31, the violator will pay an additional \$10.00, which equals \$20.00 more than the original bail amount (e.g., \$25 + \$10 + \$10 = \$45).

903: Non-Payment Penalties

All outstanding parking citations shall be paid in full prior to the end of each semester.

Students who fail to pay all outstanding parking citations shall not receive grades, transcripts, etc. until such time as all fees are paid.

Faculty, staff, visitors, etc. are subject to booting or towing at the owner’s expense consistent with the provisions included in this policy.

904: Penalty / Bail Schedules

PARKING REGULATIONS - ARTICLE II

Section	Regulation	Penalty/Bail
201A	Red Zone	\$25
201B	Yellow Zone	\$10
201C	Blue Zone	\$50
202	Blocking Traffic Lane	\$20
203	Parking in Areas Not Designed for Parking	\$15
204	“No Parking” Zone	\$20
205	Duty to Obey Signs	\$10
206	Blocking Gate or Drive	\$20
207	Motorcycle Parking	\$10
208	Parking Within Lane	\$10

METER PARKING REGULATIONS – ARTICLE III

Section	Regulation	Penalty/Bail
301	Meter Payment Required / Expired Meter	\$10
302	Feeding the Meter Prohibited	\$10

MISCELLANEOUS NRS/RMC STATUTES – ARTICLE IX

Section	Regulation	Penalty/Bail*
NRS 484.408	Parking spaces designed for the handicapped	\$287
RMC 6.30.470	Parking in fire lane	\$75
RMC 6.30.480	Parking obstructing fire hydrant	\$250

* Bail schedule for RMC/NRS current as of 03/2005. Bail amounts are subject to change without notice.