

OHSU Parking Code

0 Definitions

Vehicle: A vehicle is defined in [ORS 801.590](#). Vehicles include cars, trucks, buses, RVs, bicycles, electric assisted bicycles, motorcycles, motorized scooters, mopeds, and electric personal mobility devices as well as devices that primarily transport property such as wagons, trailers, or carts.

Permit: Any OHSU parking permit.

1. **Virtual Parking Permit:** Any OHSU parking permit that is linked to a vehicle license plate. Virtual Parking Permits include Day Passes, Monthly Passes, Annual Passes, and Do Not Ticket Log coverages. Virtual permits are not valid unless linked to a current vehicle registration.
2. **Visual Parking Permit:** Any OHSU parking permit that is not linked to a vehicle license plate. Parking Permits include Departmental Zone Passes, Emergency Medical Passes, Event Passes, VIP Passes, and Boomerang Permits. Visual permits are not valid unless displayed.
3. **Meter Receipt:** Any OHSU receipt issued from a parking meter linked to a vehicle license plate. Meter receipts are not valid unless linked to a current vehicle registration.

1 General Parking Methods

1.01 Generally

All persons parking a vehicle on OHSU controlled property must comply with the following rules in addition to any rules mandated by a parking zone, permit, or district, unless specifically directed otherwise by this Code, a traffic control device or sign or an authorized Parking/DPS officer.

A. Emergency vehicles may stop or park in any manner necessary at any time while serving an emergency. OHSU emergency vehicles may stop or park in any manner necessary while on official business.

B. No person shall park or stop a vehicle other than in the direction of traffic.

C. When parking spaces are designated on a street with parking space markings, the vehicle must be parked in such a manner that the entire vehicle is located within official parking space markings.

D. When parking spaces are not designated on a street with parking space markings and when angle parking is not lawful, the vehicle must be parked in such a manner that both the front and rear tires closest to the curb or curb line are located no more than 1 foot from the curb or curb line.

E. The operator who first begins maneuvering a motor vehicle into a vacant parking space on a street or public lot has priority to park in that space, and no other vehicle operator or person may attempt to interfere.

F. When the operator of a vehicle discovers the vehicle is parking adjacent to a building to which the fire department has been summoned, the operator must immediately remove the vehicle from the area unless directed otherwise by police or fire officers.

1.02 Prohibited Parking or Stopping of a Vehicle

Except when specifically directed by authority of this Code or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, it is unlawful to park or stop a vehicle:

A. While such a vehicle is equipped with a vehicle alarm unless such system is designed to, and does in fact, cease emitting an intermittent or constant sound after an aggregate time of 2 minutes or repeatedly within a 15 minute period on any OHSU controlled property.

B. To angle load/unload (except within a legal angle parking space) on any street unless specifically authorized.

C. At an angle to traffic flow except when angle parking is designated by official markings or traffic control devices.

D. Outside of or across an official line or mark designating a parking space or between such lines in a maneuvering area.

E. So as to prevent the free passage of other vehicles, including rail vehicles and bicycles, on any street, alley or OHSU controlled property.

F. On or over an official fog or edge line.

G. Adjacent to a curb painted or taped yellow or red if the paint or tape is authorized by OHSU.

H. When the vehicle is a truck, trailer, motor bus, recreational vehicle, utility trailer, drop box or storage container, or has two or more rear axles on OHSU controlled property except:

- 1.** When loading or unloading while specifically authorized by OHSU; or

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2. When parked in a specifically authorized parking zone.

I. Double Parking - On the roadway side of a vehicle which is stopped or parked.

1. In an officially designated parking space; or
2. Adjacent to the curb line of a street.

J. Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping or parking would obstruct traffic.

K. That is required by state law to be registered that is not registered, whose registration has expired or that does not have a current permit in lieu of registration, or fails to display current registration.

L. Without doing all of the following, if leaving the vehicle unattended.

1. Stopping the engine;
2. Turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the street when on any grade;
3. Locking the ignition;
4. Removing the key from the ignition; and
5. Effectively setting the brake on the vehicle.

M. On any OHSU controlled property if the vehicle is abandoned. A vehicle is considered abandoned if either:

1. It has remained parked in excess of 72 hours without prior notification to OHSU Transportation & Parking; or
2. Is considered abandoned according to Portland City Code section [16.90.005](#).

N. In a manner that creates a traffic hazard impeding the safe movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

O. That is required by applicable state law to display two registration plates if a plate is not displayed on the front and the rear of the vehicle.

P. While such a vehicle holds an animal without providing for the minimum care of the animal as defined by [ORS 167.310](#). If such a vehicle is found according to [ORS 167.345](#):

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1. A peace officer as defined by [ORS 352.121](#) or [ORS 353.125](#) may enter the motor vehicle to provide the animal with food, water, and emergency treatment and may impound the animal; and
2. The peace officer is not liable for any damages for entry unless the damages caused were unnecessary and were intentional or reckless.

Q. Any violation of the Code is subject to separate citation or fine for each violation.

1.03 Prohibited in Specified Places

Except when specifically directed by authority of this Code or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, it is unlawful to park or stop a vehicle in any of the following places:

- A.** Within 50 feet of an intersection when:
 1. The vehicle or a view obstructing attachment to the vehicle is more than 6 feet in height; or
 2. Prevents an approaching driver from being able to see a minimum of 25 feet in any direction
 3. Vehicle design, modification, or load obscures the visibility or view of approaching traffic, any traffic control sign, any traffic control signal, or any pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- B.** In front of or upon any portion of a disabled access ramp. e.g. curb cuts
- C.** In violation of any OHSU designated parking permit program.
- D.** On any mass transit lane or street as defined in [Portland City Code 16.50.100](#)
- E.** On any planting strip, sidewalk, or pedestrian way.
- F.** On any OHSU controlled property designated for OHSU authorized personnel only, without consent of OHSU Transportation and Parking, if there is in plain view on such property a sign prohibiting or restricting public parking.
- G.** On or within an intersection
- H.** On or within a crosswalk.
- I.** Within 7 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad track or within 25 feet of the center line of any set of tracks at any railroad or light rail crossing unless parking in officially designated spaces.

- J.** On, within, or adjacent to a bicycle lane, path, trails, or bicycle parking area.
- K.** In front of any portion of a driveway ingress/egress providing access to any OHSU controlled property (e.g. Campus Drive, parking lots).

1.04 Prohibited Practices

No person may park or permit to be parked a vehicle on a street or OHSU controlled property for the principle purpose of:

- A.** Displaying the vehicle for sale.
- B.** Repairing or servicing the vehicles, except while making repairs necessitated by a bona fide emergency for a period not to exceed 8 hours.
- C.** Displaying commercial or political advertising from the vehicle.
- D.** Selling merchandise from the vehicle, except when authorized by OHSU.

1.05 Successive Violations

- A.** After a citation for overtime parking has been issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped within 200 feet of where it was cited for the original violation, a separate violation occurs upon the expiration of each successive maximum period of parking time as designated by official signs, markings, or meters, or permit. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.
- B.** After a citation for unlawful parking other than overtime parking is issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped within 200 feet of where it was cited for the original violation and continues to park in violation of parking law(s), a separate violation occurs on the next calendar day from when the last citation was issued. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.

2. Regulated Parking Zones

2.01 Purposes

Parking Zones are designated by OHSU to manage parking needs for students, staff, patients and the public.

2.02 Enforcement of Regulated Parking Zones

- A.** A sign which regulates the amount of time a vehicle may park or requires a specific permit to park is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, unless the regulating sign shows other restrictions for days or hours.

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- B.** A sign without stated hours which regulates parking zones such as “No Parking”, “Bus Zone” or similar is in effect all hours of all days.
- C.** A sign which prohibits parking during certain hours or days is in effect during the days and times shown on the sign.
- D.** It is unlawful to put non-vehicular property in a regulated parking zone without permission of OHSU. Any non-vehicular property stored on OHSU controlled property without authorization in a regulated parking zone is a nuisance and may be summarily abated.

2.03 No Parking Zones

No vehicle may park in any no-parking zone at any time. Vehicles may stop in a no parking zone for a period not to exceed 1 minute only to load/unload passengers.

2.04 No Stopping Zone

No vehicle may stop or park in any no stopping zone. Marked curbs and fire lanes on OHSU controlled property are considering no stopping zones.

2.05 Loading Zones

- A.** Loading zones are established to prevent double parking and other illegal parking by designating a supply of parking spaces dedicated to the delivery of merchandise.
- B.** Loading zones shall include the marked areas surrounding OHSU loading docks.
- C.** Any vehicle while being actively loaded or unloaded, may park in a general loading zone for no more than 20 minutes.
- D.** The following vehicles, while being actively loaded or unloaded, may park in a loading zone adjacent to a loading dock for no more than 20 minutes:
 - 1.** A vehicle that exhibits commercial signage while engaged in applicable commercial activity.
 - 2.** Other vehicles with the express permission of the designated dock master.
- E.** Taxicabs with a current taxicab permit and actively engaged in loading/unloading passengers or packages, for a period not to exceed 15 minutes.

2.06 Bus Zone

Only a motor bus may park in a bus zone.

2.07 Public Transit Vehicle Zone

No vehicle may park in any designated Public Transit Vehicle Zone, except:

- A.** A public transit vehicle or a contract or franchise bus of public transit agency while loading/unloading passengers for a period not to exceed 2 minutes;
- B.** When allowed by the terms of a contract or franchise with OHSU for a period not to exceed 2 minutes; or
- C.** A taxicab for a period not to exceed 15 minutes, outside of the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2.08 Disabled Individual Zone

No vehicle may stop or park in a designated disabled space or its attendant/marked loading zone except:

- A.** A vehicle transporting an individual with a disability with a state issued ADA placard;
- B.** A vehicle with official disabled registration plates while transporting an individual with a disability; or
- C.** A bus loading/unloading disabled individuals.

2.09 Carpool Zone

No vehicle may park in a carpool zone during designated hours except vehicles displaying a current carpool permit.

2.10 Official & Reserved Zones

- A.** No vehicle may park in an official or reserved zone unless authorized as indicated by the sign or markings of the zone.
- B.** An official zone is a parking area designated for specific types of vehicles. (e.g. law enforcement parking, ambulances only, etc.).
- C.** A reserved zone is a zone designated for use by a specific individual.
- D.** No vehicle may park in a zone reserved for an individual without displaying the authorizing permit.

3. Metered & Permit Parking Zones

3.01 Purpose

Parking meters or permit parking zones as authorized by OHSU are a means to manage OHSU parking facilities.

3.02 Enforcement of Metered Parking Spaces

- A.** Parking meters are in effect during all hours indicated on the meter and/or sign.
- B.** All vehicles must adhere to parking meter regulations while stopped or parked in an officially designated metered parking space unless obeying the direction of a Parking/DPS officer or unless authorized for specific actions by a vehicle or general parking permit.
- C.** Emergency vehicles may stop or park in any metered space at any time while serving an emergency.
- D.** It is unlawful to store non-vehicular property in a metered parking space. Any non-vehicular property stored in a metered parking space is a nuisance and may be summarily abated.

3.03 OHSU Controlled Property

- A.** It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in any parking space during the hours of operation or to allow any vehicle in their control or custody to remain parked without payment of fees or either possessing or displaying valid permits.
- B.** It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle with an invalid or un-renewed permit or fail to either possess or display the valid permit according to OHSU's parking Code.
- C.** Improper use of a permit by a permit holder may result in cancellation of that permit and appropriate citation.
- D.** After a citation for violation has been issued and the cited vehicle remains parked or stopped, when cited for the previous violation, a separate violation occurs upon the expiration of each successive maximum period of parking time as designated by official signs, markings or meters. A separate citation may be issued for each successive violation.
- E.** Any vehicle parked under the following conditions may be immobilized:
 - 1. Owners/operators believed to have egregious parking violations in amounts due equal to \$300 or more.

2. Owners/operators with three or more outstanding tickets.
 3. Owners/operators who have received four or more tickets within a 6 month period.
 4. Permits believed to have been stolen, misappropriated, or altered.
 5. Owners/operators with extensive or egregious parking history.
- F.** Any vehicle parked in a prohibited area that stops the functioning of emergent operations may be immediately towed in accordance with [City of Portland Chapter 7.24](#).
- G.** After a vehicle is considered abandoned it may be towed according to [ORS 98.830](#) after:
1. A tow notice has been affixed to the vehicle for 72 hours stating that it will be towed if it is not removed; and
 2. A form attached to either the customer or vehicle account has been filled and signed including:
 - a. A description of the vehicle;
 - b. The location of the property from which the vehicle will be towed; and
 - c. A statement that the tow notice has been affixed to the vehicle.
- H.** The maximum speed a vehicle may legally travel in a garage or lot is 10 mph.

4. Zone Permits

4.01 Zones

OHSU may designate parking zones accessible only to vehicles either possessing or displaying a valid parking permit for the zone or requiring the driver to be conducting specific business at OHSU (e.g. patient or patient visitor parking).

Patient parking zones are defined as any labeled as “patient/patient visitor” in signage or instructions, including “patient loading zones”.

4.02 Enforcement of Zones

- A.** Zone permit restrictions are in effect 24 hours/7 days a week including holidays unless otherwise posted on signage at each zone and/or in information provided to zone permit purchasers.
- B.** It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle or to allow their vehicle to be used to park in a permit zone without either possessing or displaying a valid parking permit.
- C.** It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle to park in a permit zone or to allow their vehicle to be used without either possessing or displaying a valid permit authorizing parking in the zone in which they are parked.
- D.** It shall be unlawful for any person to modify or duplicate any OHSU parking permit.
- E.** It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize zones designated for specific purposes (e.g. patient or visitor parking) while the person is conducting business at OHSU other than that prescribed by the zone or by permit authorization.

4.03 Permit Abuse

- A.** Any of the following shall be considered permit abuse:
 - 1.** Parking while displaying a permit for which the person is ineligible (e.g. staff using a volunteer permit while at work).
 - 2.** Parking while displaying a permit reported lost or stolen.
 - 3.** Using a single parking pass to cover parking for two or more parked vehicles.

5. Disabled Individual Permit

5.01 Disabled Individual Permit

- A.** A vehicle with an official disabled individual registration plate, while transporting a disabled individual, or a vehicle while transporting a person with an official disabled individual placard issued by a state Department of Motor Vehicles, may park:
 - 1.** In any space designated for a vehicle with a disabled individual parking permit for any amount of time (subject to on-street storage regulations);
 - 2.** In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of 30 minutes or more for any amount of time without fee if a patient or patient visitor; or

3. In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of less than 30 minutes for a period of time not to exceed the designated time limit with fee, if applicable, except in a space reserved for special types of vehicles or activities.
- B. A vehicle with a program placard issued under [ORS 811.607](#) may park as provided under [ORS 811.637](#).
- C. Penalties
 1. Unlawful use: if a person is not a disabled individual and is not transporting the holder of a disabled parking permit to or from the parking location and the person uses a disabled parking permit to exercise parking privileges under this Section, that person commits unlawful use under Oregon Revised Statutes.
 2. Misuse: if a driver uses a disabled parking permit for any purpose other than exercising the privileges granted, the driver commits permit misuse under Oregon Revised Statutes.
- D. A vehicle with an official disabled individual permit issued under [ORS 811.602](#), [811.603](#), [811.604](#), [811.605](#), [811.606](#), [811.607](#), [811.608](#), and [811.609](#), or by the authority of another state, may park as provided under [ORS 811.637](#).

E. Penalties:

1. Invalid use of a disabled individual parking permit occurs if:
 - a. Driver uses a disabled parking permit that has been previously reported lost or stolen.
 - b. Has been altered, was issued to a person who is deceased at the time of the citation.
 - c. Has not been issued under [ORS 811.602](#), or by the authority of another state.
 - d. Is a photocopy or other reproduction of a permit.
 - e. The permit is displayed without the permit number and expiration date clearly displayed.

5.02 Wheelchair Use Disabled Individual Parking Permit

- A. A vehicle with a "Wheelchair User" placard or decal issued by a state Department of Motor Vehicles, while transporting a disabled individual, or a vehicle while transporting a person with a "Wheelchair User" placard or decal, may park:

1. In any space designated for a vehicle with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal for any amount of time (subject to on-street storage regulations);
 2. In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of 30 minutes or more for any amount of time without fee if patient/patient visitor; or
 3. In any metered or non-metered space with a designated time limit of less than 30 minutes for a period of time not to exceed the designated time limit with fee, if applicable, except in any space reserved for special types of vehicles or activities.
- B.** A vehicle with a program placard issued under [ORS 811.607](#) may park as provided under [ORS 811.637](#).

1. Penalties

- a. Unlawful use: if an individual is not a disabled individual and is not transporting the holder of a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal to or from the parking location and the person uses a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal to exercise parking privileges under this Section, that person commits unlawful use under the Oregon Revised Statutes.
- b. Misuse: if a driver uses a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal for any purpose other than exercising the privileges granted, the driver commits permit misuse under Oregon Revised Statutes.

- C.** A vehicle with a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal issued under [ORS 811.602](#) through [811.637](#) or by the authority of another state with current Wheelchair User permit, may park as provided under [ORS 811.637](#).

1. Penalties

- a. Invalid use of a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal occurs if:
 - i. Driver use of a “Wheelchair User” placard or decal that has been previously reported lost or stolen
 - ii. Has been altered, was issued to a person who is deceased at the time of the citation.
 - iii. Has not been issued under [ORS 811.602](#), or by the authority of another states.
 - iv. Is a photocopy or other reproduction of a permit.

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- v. The permit is displayed without the permit number and expiration date clearly displayed