

Police Department

TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION AND DECALS

Any individual who regularly operates or parks a motor vehicle or motorcycle on the campus and streets of Mississippi Delta Community College must register the vehicle and display the appropriate decal on or before the first day of classes or within twenty-four hours (excluding weekends and holidays) after it is first brought on the university campus or streets.

Any individual required to register a vehicle shall furnish the following information on forms provided by the university:

- (1) Name, address, student Id and phone number of person registering the vehicle;
 - (2) Make, model and color of each vehicle registered;
 - (3) State license tag number of each vehicle registered;
- * Other information concerning the identity of the motor vehicle as may, from time to time, be required.

The MDCC shall prescribe the form of the decal.

No individual shall display more than one MDCC decal on any one vehicle.

The decal shall be properly displayed in a place and manner prescribed by the MDCC or in accordance with instructions printed on the decal. Decals that are taped on vehicles or displayed in other than the prescribed location shall not be considered properly displayed.

Any regular employee of Mississippi Delta Community College, or any employee of a State or Federal agency located on the university campus, may obtain a staff decal for any vehicle or motorcycle brought to campus. Staff decals are solely for the use of regular employees, as described above and may not be secured for the use of a student, friend or relative. Staff decals shall not be displayed on a vehicle that is operated on campus on a regular or occasional basis by a student, friend or relative.

Students shall obtain a decal and register every vehicle or motorcycle brought to campus.

The fee for issuing a decal to any individual during the fall semester shall not exceed the amount established by the College. The fee for issuing a decal to any individual during the spring semester shall not exceed two-thirds of the amount; the fee for issuing a decal to any individual during a summer term shall not exceed one-third of the amount. The cost of a decal shall be established by the university.

Any individual to whom a decal has been issued shall:

- (1) Remove any expired decal from the vehicle
- (2) Remove any decal from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership or possession of the vehicle.

If a decal becomes marred, mutilated or obliterated, if, because of damage to the vehicle the decal has to be replaced, or if the individual changes his /her status to a different classification during the year, the individual shall obtain a new decal. The original decal or satisfactory evidence of its destruction should be presented to the MDCC Police Department.

Any individual who expects to operate or park any vehicle on the campus for more than eight (8) hours, but less than fourteen (14) days may obtain a temporary parking decal from the MDCC Police Department. An individual is limited to two (2) temporary decals per school year.

Any individual to who a decal or permit has been issued shall be responsible for any parking or registration violation(s) in which the vehicle is involved.

PARKING

Failure by any individual to find a legal parking space shall not be an excuse for violation of these regulations.

For purposes of these regulations, MDCC Campus Police department may classify individuals into different categories and may restrict parking in any area of its campus to a certain category of individuals.

No individual, unless otherwise authorized by these regulations or the MDCC Police Department, shall park any motor vehicle on the campus that violates the rules below:

- (1) In any area designated for Handicap Parking without proper documentation.
- (2) In any manner that obstructs any wheelchair route or potential wheelchair route;
- (3) Adjacent to any yellow curb;
- (4) On any sidewalk, lawn or grassed area, except as otherwise provided in these regulations.
- (5) In any driveway or blocking a private drive.
- (6) In any loading zone;
- (7) In any "No Parking" zone;
- (8) In any manner that obstructs traffic;
- (9) In a double or multiple manner;
- (10) In any manner that obstructs any sidewalk;
- (11) In any manner that obstructs or blocks a fire hydrant;
- (12) In any location not designated by lines or signs as parking areas;
- (13) In any manner exceeding the posted length of time where "time" parking is in effect;
- (14) In any area of the campus which has been closed off by the use of barricades, signs, traffic cones or yellow police tape or other traffic control devices except as otherwise authorized by these regulations ;
- (15) In any fire lane;
- (16) In any area designated as "Reserved Parking".

Parking accommodations for mobility-impaired individuals are provided by Mississippi Delta Community College. Mobility-impaired individuals should obtain a handicap-parking permit authorized by the State of Mississippi through an application process, which begins at the courthouse. Parking spaces are reserved throughout the campus to accommodate mobility-impaired individuals.

Students shall park their vehicles in areas marked in yellow weekdays and on weekends, students may also park in yellow areas only. Areas marked Reserved Parking are only for designated individuals. Reserved Parking is **NOT** to be used as student parking on evenings and weekends.

Every individual, unless otherwise permitted or directed by appropriate authority, who parallel parks a motor vehicle upon the campus where there is an adjacent curb shall park with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to, and within twelve inches of the right-hand curb.

No individual shall abandon any motor vehicle on the campus. MDCC may, in addition to any other remedy herein provided, upon evidence that a motor vehicle has remained on campus parked and unused for a period of thirty (30) days, remove the vehicle and dispose of it as junk.

TRAFFIC

No individual shall operate or park any motor vehicle or motorcycle on the campus in a manner as to cause injury or damage to any individual, grounds, building or other facility or property of the campus.

Any individual who operates or parks a vehicle on campus shall obey all traffic and parking signs, yellow or white lines for routing traffic, indicators, markers or signals for the control, direction, parking and regulation of traffic on the campus and streets of Mississippi Delta Community College including, but not confined to, lawful hand, voice, whistle or other commands or signals.

No individual shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on campus at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.

Mississippi Delta Community College shall, consistent with these regulations, place and maintain signs, markers and other traffic control devices upon its campus and streets as it shall deem necessary and sufficient to regulate, warn or guide traffic. .

No individual shall operate any motor vehicle on the campus without due regard for the safety and property of others.

Pedestrians shall have the right of way at all marked crosswalks on the campus.

No individual shall operate on the campus any motor vehicle equipped with, noisemaking muffler, cutout or straight exhaust.

No individual shall blow the horn of his or her motor vehicle in an excessive manner. Students are not allowed to

Any individual who has an accident on the campus shall, if the accident resulted in property damage or personal injury, report the accident to the MDCC Police Department.

In addition to the rules and regulations contained herein, all of the laws of the State of Mississippi are in full force, and in effect at all times on all five campuses of MDCC.

PROCEDURES FOR TRAFFIC TICKET APPEALS

Any individual charged with a violation of any rule or regulation is entitled to a hearing before the Traffic and Parking Committee.

(1) The appellant must complete the appeal form in the Tanner building in room 202 upstairs within three (3) working days from the date the citation is issued.

The following are NOT acceptable grounds for appealing a traffic ticket:

- Ignorance of the regulations
- Unavailability of a legal parking space
- Improper display of decal
- Failure to purchase a decal
- Inclement weather
- Late arrival for class or meetings

The Traffic and Parking Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing all appeals of traffic citations and making a final judgment.

The Traffic and Parking Committee will consist of the Chief of Police and one alternate officer. Tickets are considered pending during the appeal process.

Traffic ticket appeals are heard on an anonymous basis; only a case number is available to the committee.

PENALTIES

Any individual who knowingly provides any false information required by the terms of these rules and regulations will result in the loss of parking privileges and may result in a judicial hearing.

Any student who fails to meet his/her financial obligation for traffic violations to MDCC before the end of the semester will not be permitted to re-register as a student of MDCC Campus or secure a transcript or credits.

Unpaid traffic penalties are cumulative until paid.

The MDCC Police Department may, in addition to any other remedy herein provided, enforce the traffic rules and regulations through the use of a wheel lock device. This device will render the vehicle immobile. The owner of the vehicle will be responsible for all costs and unpaid

traffic fines involved. Fees associated with the use of wheel lock devices will be established by the MDCC.

Vehicles that are unregistered or have unpaid citations may be wheel-locked and/or towed at the owner/operator's expense.

Unauthorized vehicles in exclusive service parking or Handicap Parking will be wheel-locked and/or towed at the owner/operator's expense.

Traffic fines will range from \$25 - \$100

PUBLICATION

These procedures will be published in accord with State law and the Mississippi Delta Community College Handbook, Student Handbook and Faculty Handbook. A copy of the procedures will also be posted in prominent places on campus.