I. Policy Statement

This policy establishes regulations for the safe operation and parking of vehicles on the grounds, streets, drives, alleys, and any other institutional property owned or lease by UNT.

II. Application of Policy

All University

III. Policy Definitions

A. Vehicle

“Vehicle,” in this policy, means any mechanism or device that can be used for transportation of passengers or cargo. This includes but is not limited to cars, trucks, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, wagons, and sleds.

B. Operation

“Operation,” in this policy, means the act of operating a vehicle. This includes but is not limited to skating, riding a bicycle, driving a car, pulling a wagon, riding a sled, riding a skateboard, or propelling an empty vehicle, i.e., pushing an operator-less vehicle and letting it roll across campus.

IV. Policy Responsibilities

A. Scope of Governance

UNT System Regent Rule 11.700 delegates authority to the President to establish parking and traffic regulations; including, but not limited to the following:

1. limiting the rate of speed;
2. assigning parking spaces and designating parking areas and their use and assessing a charge for parking;
3. prohibiting parking as it deems necessary;
4. removing vehicles parked in violation of institutional rules and regulations or law at the expense of the violator; and
5. instituting a system of registration for vehicle identification, including a reasonable charge.

B. Regulation of Vehicle Movement

A hazard to pedestrians exists when vehicles are operated on property owned or controlled by the university. It is therefore the university's responsibility to regulate the operation of vehicles in the congested environment of the university campus.
1. Movement of Vehicles on Campus Property

All movement of vehicles on campus property and streets adjacent thereto will be in accordance with the published traffic laws of the State of Texas. Failure to abide by said statutes may result in citation, arrest, and/or other remedies prescribed by law.

2. Parking of Vehicles on Campus Property

All parking of vehicles on campus property and streets adjacent thereto will be in accordance with the published parking regulations of the university.

3. Movement of Vehicles During Class Change

During class change motor vehicles are not to be driven on sidewalks or combination sidewalk/service drives. The only exception to this policy is authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency situation.

C. Establishment and Publication of Parking Rules and Regulations

Director of Transportation Services will develop and submit rules and regulations consistent with this policy, Chapter 51, subchapter E of the Texas Education Code, and Section 105.153 of the Texas Education Code annually to the President for approval. The Transportation Services Office shall publish the approved rules and regulations prior to September 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.

D. Enforcement

The Chief of Police and Director of Transportation Services shall appoint personnel as necessary to provide for enforcement of the provisions of this policy.

V. References and Cross-References

Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E
Texas Education Code § 105.153
UNT System Board of Regents Rule 11.700, Parking and Traffic Regulations

VI. Revision History

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