



**Policy Chapter:** Chapter 12 Campus Safety and Security

**Policy Number and Title:** 12.004 Vehicle Operation and Parking

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**I. Policy Statement**

This policy establishes regulations for the safe operation and parking of vehicles on UNT grounds, including the roads, streets, drives, alleys, and thoroughfares, within or immediately adjacent to, the UNT campus, and any other institutional real property under UNT’s control.

**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, including but not limited to cars, trucks, low-speed vehicles, 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.

**C. Low-Speed Vehicle**

“Low-speed vehicle,” in this policy, means any vehicle that cannot attain a maximum speed in excess of 35 miles per an hour. This includes golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles.

**IV. Policy Responsibilities**

**A. Scope of Governance**

[UNT System Regent Rule 11.700](#) delegates authority to the President to establish parking and traffic regulations for UNT.

**B. Regulation of Vehicle Movement**

1. Movement of Vehicles

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

2. Parking of Vehicles

All parking of vehicles on campus property and streets adjacent to campus property must be in accordance with the published parking regulations of UNT.

3. Movement of Vehicles During Class Change

During class change, low-speed vehicles and motor vehicles must not be driven on sidewalks or combination sidewalk/service drives. The only exception to this is authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency situation.

4. Safe Operation of Vehicles

All university-owned or leased vehicles must be operated, maintained, and equipped in accordance with risk management guidelines and [UNT Policy 15.008 Operation of University Vehicles](#).

Individuals must complete the risk management low-speed vehicle training course in order to be approved to drive a university-owned or leased low-speed vehicle. Low-speed vehicles may only be used on streets at the Denton campus. Low speed vehicles are not to be used on streets outside of the Denton campus unless a relevant ordinance is passed and the necessary insurance procured.

**C. Establishment and Publication of Parking Rules and Regulations**

The Director of Transportation Services will develop and submit rules and regulations, consistent with this policy and applicable law, annually to the President for approval. The Transportation Services Office must publish the approved rules and regulations prior to September 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.

**D. Enforcement**

The Chief of Police will appoint personnel as necessary to provide for enforcement of the provisions of this policy.

**V. References and Cross-References**

[Texas Education Code §51\(E\)](#)

[Texas Education Code §105.153](#)

[Texas Transportation Code](#)

[Denton Code of Ordinance 23-489](#)

[UNT System Board of Regents Rule 11.700, Parking and Traffic Regulations](#)

**VI. Revision History**

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