

# **TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS 2021-2022**

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# I. OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the traffic regulations are to:

- Provide employees (including contracted employees), students and visitors with the opportunity to operate and/or park a motor vehicle while at Olin College.
- Ensure that employees, students and visitors have an appropriate place to park their vehicles.
- Encourage, in accordance with the College's Facilities Plan, a walking campus, and thereby minimize congestion, noise, and safety problems, and maintain Olin's environment.
- Ensure safety for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- Ensure that access for emergency vehicles is maintained at all times.
- Protect the rights of all members of the campus community by equitably enforcing these regulations.
- Enforce/comply with Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Codes.

All regulations are subject to change and may be amended in the future. Any such changes shall be effective as of the date they are posted on the Olin College website at <a href="http://www.olin.edu/offices-services/facilities/parking-transportation/">www.olin.edu/offices-services/facilities/parking-transportation/</a>.

Should you have specific questions related to the motor vehicle code, please contact the Public Safety Parking Manager, Meghan Rosenberg at 781-239-5647 or email <u>parkingclerk@babson.edu</u>.

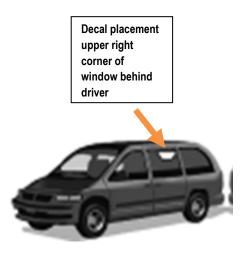
# II. AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION

## A. Campus Registration

All Olin employees and students who own or use a motor vehicle are required to register it with Babson Olin Public Safety within three days after bringing it on campus, regardless of the length of time it will be on campus. You are encouraged to do this ahead of time. This may be done at Babson Public Safety or online using the Babson College Parking Portal: <u>https://babson.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth\_ext.aspx</u>.

Currently, there is no fee for a parking permit. However, Olin College will review the costs associated with operating the parking facilities each year and may set specific rates per academic year if needed.

Parking permit decals must be permanently affixed to the vehicle on the driver's side, backseat window in the upper right corner. Please refer to the diagram below. Failure to display a current decal while on campus will result in a citation.



Vehicles not registered, improperly registered, or without proper license plates, are not allowed on campus without permission from Public Safety and may be towed without warning.

Changes in the license plate number of a registered vehicle must be reported to Public Safety immediately. Employees may register up to two (2) vehicles with permanent parking permits. Students may register and maintain only one (1) vehicle on campus. Should a change of vehicle be necessary during the academic year, a request must be made in writing to the Public Safety Parking Manager. Upon approval, a new decal will be issued without charge upon receipt of the old decal from the previous vehicle. **Parking permits are not transferrable between owners or vehicles.** 

## B. Student Non-Massachusetts Registration

Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Law Chapter 90, section 3, paragraph 3: "Every nonresident enrolled student at a school or college in the Commonwealth who operates a motor vehicle registered in another state or country during any period beginning on September the first of any year and ending on August the thirty-first of the following year shall file in triplicate with the police department of the city or town in which such school or college is located, on a form approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, a statement signed by him under the penalties of perjury providing the following information: the registration number and make of the motor vehicle and the state or country of registration, the name and address of the owner, the names and addresses of all insurers providing liability insurance covering the operation of the motor vehicle, the legal residence of such nonresident and his residence while attending such school or college and the college which he is attending. He shall also maintain in full force a policy of liability insurance providing indemnity for or protection to him and to any person responsible for the operation of such motor vehicle with his express or implied consent against loss by reason of the liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, caused by such motor vehicle policy as defined in section thirty-four a. The police department with whom such statement is filed in triplicates shall send one copy thereof to the registrar of motor vehicles and one copy to such school or college. Any such nonresident who fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

Students bringing cars from other states or foreign countries must comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requirements for the registration of automobiles and the licensing of drivers. This must be done 30 days from the date of formal registration at Olin College, and liability insurance must be secured to the extent of \$20,000/\$40,000 in Massachusetts unless such insurance has already been taken out in their own states.

Additionally, any student driving a vehicle displaying out-of-state registration plates must obtain a nonresident decal as required by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. This decal can be obtained at no cost by filling out the Nonresident Student Vehicle Information Form available on the Babson College Parking Portal: <u>https://babson.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth\_ext.aspx</u>.

## C. Employee Motor Vehicle Registration

Employees may only register vehicles that are leased or owned by themselves or a household member.

Employees who reside in Massachusetts may obtain parking permits only for vehicles registered in the state of Massachusetts. The exception is if the vehicle is leased to the employee with out-of-state registration plates issued by the lease company.

According to Massachusetts state law, employees residing in Massachusetts are required to have vehicles they own registered in this state and display Massachusetts license plates within 30 days of residency. New employees moving to Massachusetts from out of state will be issued temporary Olin College parking permits that will be valid for not more than 30 days, and will not be renewable. A permanent Olin College parking permit will be issued once a Massachusetts registration is obtained.

# III. OFF-CAMPUS MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

In order to maintain good relationships with our neighbors and to promote safe driving habits, when Public Safety becomes aware of motor vehicle violations off campus, reports will be documented by Public Safety and forwarded to Student Affairs and Resources for students and to Human Resources for employees.

## IV. MEDICAL PARKING PERMIT

Students and employees with temporary orthopedic or mobility-related disabilities may apply for a special medical parking permit through Public Safety. A statement from their personal physician indicating the nature and length of disability is required. Medical parking permits are valid for a 20-day period and are renewable for a total of 60 days (including the original 20-day period). Applications for medical parking permits may be subject to review and

the personal physician may be contacted. Individuals with orthopedic or mobility-related disabilities that require more than 60 days of special parking privileges are advised to contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles and apply for a state placard or handicapped plates.

Drivers with medical parking permits are bound by all traffic regulations. Failure to obey them may result in the towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense. Medical parking permits authorize parking in any handicapped space on campus, but do not authorize any form of illegal parking. Tampering with or the alteration of a medical parking permit will result in the loss of specialized parking privileges and/or disciplinary action.

Handicapped placards and medical parking permits must be displayed at all times. Failure to do so may result in ticketing and towing at the owner's expense. Olin College considers unauthorized parking in handicapped areas as a serious and towable offense. Please honor handicapped parking areas.

## V. PARKING AREAS

While on campus, students and employees are expected to park in designated lots. The parking policy is in effect throughout the entire calendar year including the summer, and citations are consistently issued in accordance with this policy. A quick reference to designated parking areas is included at the end of this booklet.

#### A. Students

Students shall park only in the following parking lots: Lot A, Tiers 4, 5 and 6; Lot B-2; and Lot C.

Exceptions: On weekdays, students may also park in Lot A, Tiers 1, 2 and 3 from 5 pm until 2 am. All students must remove their vehicles from these lots by 2 am to ensure employee parking on normal business days. Any remaining vehicles will be subject to a fine after 2 am. On weekends, students may also park in Lot A, Tiers 1, 2 and 3 from Friday after 5 pm until 2 am Monday morning.

Students are not permitted to park at any time in Lot B-1.

#### B. Employees

If you are an employee, you may park in the following parking lots: Lot A, Tiers 1, 2, and 3; Lot B-1; Lot C and Lot D. If parking a vehicle overnight, 2 am to 7 am; you must notify Public Safety. Vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at the operator's expense for parking in areas not designated for parking.

## C. Visitor Parking

Visitors may park in the following parking lots: Lot A, Tiers, 1, 2 and 3; Lot C and Lot D.

Overnight visitors parking from 2 am to 7 am, must have a visitor's pass. Visitor passes are available at Babson Public Safety, 24 hours a day. With a visitor's pass, your guest may park during the day, in all lots designated as visitor. Students may be held responsible for any parking violations received by their guests.

#### D. Pickups and Deliveries

We realize members of the community occasionally may need to park in close proximity to either their residence hall or office to load or unload heavy personal belongings. The vehicle must not block either emergency or other access to the facility, including fire lanes and handicapped spaces. Prior to parking, you must notify Public Safety at 781-239-5555 to indicate your location and type of vehicle. You will be requested to display your four-way flashers and may not park any longer than 15 minutes. Vehicles parked in excess of 15 minutes are subject to ticketing and towing.

## VI. ADDITIONAL PARKING GUIDELINES

Students on official business or employed in any College office are expected to park in designated student lots and walk to that particular office. This policy is in effect year-round.

No student or employee may conduct any form of vehicle maintenance (e.g., oil changes) on campus property, unless the vehicle is owned by the college and the maintenance is authorized by the Director of Facilities.

No vehicle may be kept on campus that is not in an operable condition, including current registration and insurance.

There is no parking in the following areas:

- On Olin Way
- On East Drive
- On the fire lanes between the residence halls
- The Oval pathways connecting Milas Hall, Academic Center and Campus Center
- The walkways in front of the Residence Halls
- The walkway from East Drive at the Campus Center loading dock to Milas Hall lower level entry
- All pedestrian pathways throughout Olin College from Great Plain Avenue to Map Hill Drive bordering Babson College
- All lawns, athletic fields or landscaped areas throughout the campus

It is also illegal to:

- Exceed the posted speed limit or drive recklessly
- Park in a manner that blocks or partially blocks any fire hydrant, fire lane, or delivery entrance
- Park in a manner that blocks or partially blocks a crosswalk
- Remove or deface posted traffic signs
- Park in an area that is not designated as a parking space
- Attempt to destroy or remove any fire lane gates or chains
- · Park in any areas that are restricted by the presence of chains or gates
- Operate a vehicle on sidewalks or any pedestrian walkways
- Operate a motor vehicle on any campus land other than on paved roadways

Motor vehicle operation on campus must be in accordance with Massachusetts statutes. In some instances, Massachusetts citations may be issued in place of Olin College citations.

## VII. SNOW REMOVAL

#### A. Snow Removal Procedures

Handling snow and ice emergencies is a major undertaking and requires cooperation from the entire campus community, including employees, students and visitors. Please take the following general steps when preparing for a snow or ice storm.

- 1. Park your vehicle only in an area designated for parking during these conditions (outlined further below). Do not park in fire lanes, in short-term parking areas along Olin Way or in any unauthorized areas around campus buildings.
- 2. Please park at the perimeter of the parking lot, close to other cars in the lot. The Facilities Services staff can clear lots more effectively if vehicles are not scattered throughout the lot.
- 3. We recommend that you keep a snow shovel in your vehicle. Owners are responsible for shoveling out their own vehicles. Although snow shovels are available in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor trash rooms of East and West Halls for students and through Facilities Services for faculty and staff, there may not be enough for everyone at peak demand times, therefore, we ask that you return the snow shovels promptly.

## B. Snow Emergency No-Parking Areas

In order to most effectively clear the campus of snow, the following areas have been designated as "no-parking areas" during snow emergencies: Parking Lot A (Tiers 1, 2 and 3), Lot B-2 and Lot D. Parking is prohibited in these lots during declared snow emergencies. Notification that a snow emergency is in effect will be given to the campus community by Facilities Services via the College email system. As directed by email, employees, students and visitors will need to park in Lot A (Tiers 4, 5 and 6) and Lot C. This does not apply to handicapped parking spaces.

When the snow has ceased, it is the responsibility of each person to move their vehicles to a cleared area of Parking Lot A. The Facilities Services staff will clear the Designated Snow Emergency Lots within 24 hours after the storm has stopped. Community members can return to their assigned lots once the area has been cleared. All vehicles not moved will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Snow Emergency Parking Plan can be found at http://www.olin.edu/sites/default/files/olin\_snow\_emergency\_parking\_assignments.pdf.

## VIII. DAMAGE OR THEFT

Olin College shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to a vehicle, its accessories, or its contents by reason of theft, accident, fire, or otherwise while on the Olin College campus. The responsibility for a vehicle, its accessories, and contents while on campus, shall at all times reside with the owner and/or operator of the vehicle. Owners should take precautions such as always locking valuables and vehicles and activating antitheft devices. Owners should also ensure that they have appropriate insurance coverage for this purpose.

Vehicle covers that obstruct the license plate are not permitted. Such vehicles are subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense.

## IX. TOWING

Any motor vehicle parked in violation is subject to towing if deemed necessary by Public Safety. All charges for towing and storage are the responsibility of the owner. Olin College assumes no responsibility for damages to the vehicle either during towing or storage.

Towing may occur in situations in which vehicles are not in compliance with any part of these regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Vehicles not displaying valid license plates
- Disabled vehicles illegally parked
- Disabled vehicles parked for more than three days
- Vehicles obstructing fire lanes or other emergency access
- Vehicles parked along any College roadway
- Vehicles that receive more than six (6) violation notices will be towed (see section XV. Enforcement).
- Vehicles parked illegally in handicapped parking spaces.
- Vehicles parked in spaces reserved for visitors or specific vehicles, such as the Olin passenger van.
- Vehicles determined by the college to be abandoned on Olin College property.
- Vehicles required to be moved for construction, snow removal or maintenance purposes (24-hour advance notice will be provided except for in emergencies).
- Vehicles impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic or creating safety hazards.

## X. ABANDONMENT

Olin College may seek criminal complaints on vehicles left on campus in violation of Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Law, Chapter 90, section 22B.

# XI. VACATION PERIODS

The parking policy is in effect throughout the entire calendar year and citations are consistently issued in accordance with this policy. During semester breaks only (December/January break, Thanksgiving break and spring break), students wishing to leave vehicles on campus must notify Public Safety and Facilities Services with their vehicle information. At that time, students will be informed of the designated parking areas for the break period via the College email system. Vehicles left outside of the designated parking lot may be towed at the owner's expense. Motor vehicles are left at the students' own risk. There will be no storage of vehicles on the Olin College campus during the summer months unless the student is employed by the College for the summer. Violators will be subject to ticketing and towing at their expense and may incur additional storage fees imposed by the tow company.

# XII. MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS

Motorcycles, scooters and mopeds much be registered at Public Safety. A parking permit will be issued and a list of registered vehicles will be maintained. Operators must abide by all traffic and parking regulations. Failure to do so may result in traffic or parking citations. Any person in violation of the rules and regulations may be subject to an administrative review. Operators must use only campus roads and must park in appropriate parking lots and park in a parking space. These vehicles are not allowed to operate on or be parked on grass areas, sidewalks, walkways, in bicycle racks, in buildings, or under building overhangs. A helmet must be worn at all times pursuant to Massachusetts state law. Gas to fuel these vehicles is not permitted to be stored on campus.

# XIII. BICYCLE REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS

#### A. Registration

Every person riding a bicycle on campus shall be subject to all laws of the state of Massachusetts. Bicycle helmets are not required for riding on campus; however, for safety reasons, it is recommended. Storage of bicycles shall be in any of the bicycle racks in various locations on campus. For students, their bicycles may be stored in their residence hall rooms (not in common areas, hallways or stairways), and for employees, their bicycles may be stored in their offices (not in common areas, hallways or stairways). All bicycles should be secured with a U-shaped lock and chain when left unattended. Gas powered bicycles are NOT permitted to be parked in a bicycle rack, or operate on a sidewalk, be stored in a building or be parked under building overhangs. They must be parked in a parking space in an appropriate parking lot. Gas to fuel these bicycles is not permitted to be stored on campus.

#### B. Regulations

- Every person riding a bicycle on campus shall be subject to all the laws of the state of Massachusetts.
- No bicycle shall be used to carry more than one (1) person at a time unless the bicycle is designed for it.
- Every bicycle ridden from sunset to sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front of the bicycle and a reflector on the rear.
- While riding a bicycle on the roadway and sidewalk, pedestrians shall be given the right of way.
- Bicycle helmets are not required for riding on campus; however, for safety reasons, it is strongly recommended.
- Any person in violation of the rules and regulations listed above shall be subject to administrative review.

#### C. Storage of Bicycles

- Storage of bicycles shall be in any of the bicycle racks in various locations on campus. It is prohibited to chain bicycles to trees, poles, stairways, etc.
- For students, their bicycles may be stored in their residence hall rooms (not in common areas, hallways, stairways, etc.).
- For employees, their bicycles may be stored in their offices (not in common areas, hallways, stairways, etc.).
- All bicycles should be secured with a chain and padlock, U-shaped bike lock or other locking device when left unattended.
- Any unattended bicycle found not in a proper location on campus will be removed and taken to Babson Public Safety.
- After 30 days, any bicycles not claimed by the owner may be disposed of at the discretion of the Executive Director of Public Safety.
- For students not on campus during the summer, bicycles must be removed from campus or stored in either the East Hall bike room or in the East Hall Penthouse.
- · Graduating students and students not enrolled for the following semester must remove their bicycles from campus.
- Gas powered bicycles are NOT permitted to be parked in a bicycle rack, be stored in a building or be parked under building overhangs. They must
  be parked in a parking space in an appropriate parking lot. Gas to fuel these bicycles is not permitted to be stored on campus. Gas powered
  bicycles must be removed from campus during the summer.
- If you believe your bicycle has been stolen or is lost, go to Babson Public Safety to file a report.

# XIV. LIST OF PENALTIES

Individuals found in violation of regulations will be subject to the minimum penalties outlined below. If circumstances warrant, more severe penalties will be imposed.

## A. Parking Violations

The following is a list of parking violations and penalties. Multiple violations may result in several fines.

Blocking gate, driveway, loading zone, or dumpster	\$50
Crosswalk violation	\$50
Engine running while vehicle is unattended	\$35
Exceeding time	\$20
Unsafe operation	\$50

Illegal parking in a reserved space		
Immobilization fine	\$50	
Impeding emergency vehicles		
Improper disposal of a parking violation	\$50	
Improper parking	\$25	
No parking	\$25	
Non display of current decal	\$50	
Obstructing a building entrance	\$50	
Obstructing a fire lane	\$50	
Obstructing traffic or snow removal	\$50	
Parking on the Oval	\$100	
Parking in a service lane	\$25	
Parking in the wrong direction	\$25	
Restricted Lot	\$25	
Snow emergency	\$100	
Taking up more than 1 space	\$10	
Tow fine	\$100	
Unauthorized overnight parking		
Unauthorized parking in a handicapped space		
Warning		

## B. Moving Violations

Motor vehicle operation on campus must be in accordance with Massachusetts statutes. In some instances, Massachusetts Chapter 90 citations may be issued in place of Olin College citations.

The following is a list of moving violations and penalties.

Driving on a pedestrian way	\$50
Driving to endanger	\$100
Driving on land not meant for vehicular use	\$50
Failure to make a full stop at a stop sign	\$50
One-way violation	\$50
Speeding	\$75
Stop sign violation	\$25

# XV. ENFORCEMENT

Any vehicle that has been issued six (6) parking violation notices between September 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year is subject to the following penalties.

- If the vehicle is owned or operated by an Olin student, after issuance of the sixth parking violation on the Olin College campus, the student shall be subject to disciplinary action through Student Affairs and Resources and is required to make an appointment with the Public Safety Parking Manager.
- If the violator is an employee, after issuance of the sixth parking violation on the Olin College campus, Human Resources may be notified in writing so that appropriate corrective action may be taken.
- If a sixth parking violation on the Olin College campus is issued to a vehicle in a year, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. A \$100 fine will also be assessed.
- If the vehicle is owned or operated by an Olin student, after issuance of the sixth parking violation on the Olin College campus, the student shall be subject to disciplinary action, including the loss of on-campus parking privileges for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Director of Public Safety.
- After being towed on the sixth violation, any additional violations may result in the vehicle being towed.

# XVI. BILLING FOR VIOLATIONS

Traffic violations for students are billed directly through Student Accounts. No appeals for violations may be taken by Student Accounts. All appeals must be submitted to Public Safety according to the procedure outlined in this handbook. All employee violations are billed through Financial Affairs.

# XVII. PARKING/TRAFFIC APPEAL PROCEDURE

## A. Appeals

Tickets received may be appealed only if the appeal is registered within fourteen (14) days of the violation. All appeals must be submitted online through the Babson College Parking Portal: <u>https://babson.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth\_ext.aspx</u>. The Public Safety Parking Manager can answer questions regarding the appeals process at 781-239-5647. Appeals of towing must be made to the Executive Director of Public Safety.

Appeals are reviewed and determined by the Public Safety Parking Manager. Individuals will receive a reply within two weeks of the ticket review date. If the parking violation appeal is denied by the Public Safety Parking Manager, the denied appeal will be reviewed by the Traffic/Parking Violation Review Board. All members of the Olin community will follow the same appeal procedure.

## B. Traffic/Parking Violation Review Board Final Appeals

The Traffic/Parking Violation Review Board shall meet as needed to review denied appeals from members of the Olin community. Olin community members are not required to attend the appeal hearings but are encouraged to do so.

The board may consist of a designated Public Safety member, two Olin students, and two Olin employees. A quorum will consist of not less than three individuals. The board is appointed by and reports to the Vice President for Administrative Services and Innovation.

The board will hear all the facts of the traffic/parking violation being appealed and may call upon additional individuals who have knowledge of the matter to appear before the board.

At the completion of the hearing, the board shall take all information under advisement and render a decision in writing on each appeal no later than three days from the date of the hearing.

The decision of the Traffic/Parking Violation Review Board is final.

## C. Revocation of Driving Privileges

When a student's privilege to maintain or operate a motor vehicle at Olin is revoked, that student must remove the vehicle from campus for a length of time to be determined by the Executive Director of Public Safety. If the vehicle is parked on campus after the student's privileges have been revoked, it will be towed from campus at the owner's expense. Disobeying a revocation order will result in disciplinary action.

Irresponsible or reckless operation of a motor vehicle or repeated or serious motor vehicle infractions will result in the revocation of driving privileges on campus by the Executive Director of Public Safety.

# XVIII. PARKING LOT DESIGNATIONS

LOT	USAGE
Lot A - Tiers 1, 2 and 3	Employees and visitors
	Weekdays: Students after 5 pm until 2 am
	Weekends: Students from Friday after 5 pm until 2 am Monday
Lot A - Tiers 4, 5 and 6	Students (24/7)
Lot B-1	Employees
Lot B-2	Students (24/7)
Lot C	Employees and visitors
	Students (24/7)
Lot D	Employees, students and visitors

Students with a parking permit are eligible to park twenty-four hours a day in the designated Resident Student Parking areas (Lot A – Tiers 4, 5 and 6; Lot B-2 and Lot C).

Employees and visitors that will have a vehicle on campus between 2 am and 7 am, must obtain an overnight parking permit through Babson Public Safety.