

# Rogers State University Revised Traffic Code

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Title, Chapter, and Sections outlined below deal with Rogers State University's students, faculty, staff, visitors, and property and do not supersede any Oklahoma State Laws or City ordinances. Rogers State University has adopted the State of Oklahoma's Traffic Codes, the City of Claremore's Traffic Codes, and has a working relationship with the Rogers County District Attorney's Office and the City of Claremore dealing with traffic violations. (See Chapter 2, Section 200a). An RSU Police Officer can issue an RSU citation, City citation, or County citation.

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### Chapter 1

#### Words and Phrases

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#### Section 100. Word and Phrases Defined

The following words and phrases when used in this title shall, for the purpose of this title, have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this chapter:

***Alley or Alleyway*** shall mean any public or private passageway or street, as herein defined, having no legal or official name other than alley and open to traffic.

***Arterial Street*** shall mean any United States or State of Oklahoma numbered route, controlled-access highway or other major radial or circumferential street or highway designated by Rogers State University within its jurisdiction as part of an arterial system of streets or highways.

***Authorized Emergency Vehicle*** shall mean such Fire Department vehicles, police vehicles and ambulances as are owned publicly or by a trust for public purposes, and such other publicly or privately owned vehicles as are designated by the President of the University.

***Bicycle*** shall mean every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) wheels, either of which is more than eighteen (18) inches in diameter.

***Bus*** shall mean every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than ten (10) passengers and used for the transportation of persons; and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

***Cancellation of Driver's License*** shall mean the annulment or termination by formal action of any department of public safety or like agency of a person's driver's license because of some error or defect in the license or because the licensee is no longer entitled to such license.

***City*** shall mean the City of Claremore, the City of Bartlesville, and/or the City of Pryor in Oklahoma depending on jurisdictional boundary.

**Commercial Vehicle** shall mean every vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of persons or property for hire and which has a commercial tag attached or has the business trade name or the business Federal Identification Number displayed on both sides of the vehicle in letters at least two (2) inches high in a color that contrasts with the vehicle's body color, even though the vehicle displays a passenger tag.

**Controlled-Access Highway** shall mean every highway, street or roadway with respect to which owners or occupants of abutting land and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same except at such points and in such manner as may be determined by the University authority having jurisdiction over such highway, street or roadway.

**Crosswalk shall mean:**

- A. That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the roadway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edge of the traversal roadway; and
- B. Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctively indicated for a pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

**Curb** shall mean the edge of a traversal roadway marked or understood as such.

**Curbside** shall mean the side of a vehicle next to the curb.

**Day** shall mean one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

**Double Park** shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a roadway where the wheels on the side next to the curb are more than eighteen (18) inches from the curb.

**Driver** shall mean every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

**Explosive** shall mean any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that is commonly used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion and which contains any oxidizing and/or combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or detonation of any part of the compound or mixture which may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects or of destroying life or limb.

**Fire Lane** shall mean any street or part of a street upon which parking is either restricted or prohibited for the purpose of facilitating the use or passage of equipment of the Fire Department.

**Gross Weight** shall mean the weight of a vehicle without load plus the weight of any load thereon.

**Heavy Truck** shall mean a truck rated or licensed to carry a load of one (1) ton or more.

**Highway** shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every area the University maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

**Identifying Number** shall mean the numbers and letters, if any, on a vehicle designated by the Oklahoma Tax Commission for identifying the vehicle.

**Intersection** shall mean the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two (2) highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles travel upon different highways joining at any other angle which may conflict, whether or not one such street or highway crosses the other.

- A. Where a highway includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersection highway also includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of two (2) roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.
- B. The junction of any alley with a street or highway shall not constitute an intersection.

**Lane Roadway** shall mean a roadway which is divided into two (2) or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular travel.

**License to operate a Motor Vehicle** shall mean any Operator's Commercial Chauffeur's or Chauffeur's license or any other license or permit to operate a motor vehicle issued under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, including:

- A. Any temporary license or instruction permit;
- B. The privilege of any person to drive a motor vehicle, whether or not such person holds a valid license; and
- C. Any nonresident operating privilege as defined by the Oklahoma statutes.

**Limit Lines** shall mean boundaries of parking areas, loading zones, safety or danger zones, crosswalks and lines marked for the purpose of excluding traffic and parking.

**Loading Zones** shall mean the area or space officially set apart within a street, roadway, alley, or parking lot for the purpose of loading and/or unloading vehicles which is so marked by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a loading zone.

**May**, as used in this title, is permissive and not mandatory.

**Motor Vehicle** shall mean every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails; provided, however, the definition of "motor vehicle" herein shall not include implements of husbandry as defined by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

**Motorcycle** shall mean every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of a rider and designed to travel on no more than three (3) wheels.

**Night** shall mean one-half (1/2) hour after sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise.

**Official Police Officer's Badge** shall mean a badge of the size, type and design approved for the use of regular police officers and/or Rogers State University Campus Police Officers.

**Official Time Standard.** Whenever certain hours are named herein, they shall mean standard time or daylight saving time, as may be in current use by Rogers State University.

**Official Traffic-Control Devices** shall mean all signs, signals, parking meters, parking meter hoods, barricades, markings, and device not inconsistent with this code which are placed or erected by authority of the University body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

**One-way Traffic** shall mean traffic restricted to movement in one (1) direction.

**Open Intersection** shall mean any intersection without any traffic-control device to regulate the flow of traffic entering the intersection.

**Operator** shall mean every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or who is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.

**Owner** shall mean:

- A. A person who holds the legal title to a vehicle;
- B. A conditional vendee or lessee, in the event the vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with a right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with immediate right of possession; or
- C. A mortgagor of a vehicle vested with an immediate right of possession of the vehicle.

**Parked** shall mean the standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

**Passenger** shall mean an occupant in or upon any vehicle other than the driver.

**Passenger Curb Loading Zone** shall mean a place adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

**Pedestrian** shall mean any person on foot.

**Person** shall mean every natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

**Police Officer** shall mean every sheriff, policeman, highway patrolman, University Campus Police Officer, and any other officer who is authorized to direct or regulate traffic or make arrests for violation of the traffic laws of the State of Oklahoma, City of Claremore, or Rogers State University.

**Private Road or Driveway** shall mean every way or place in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not open to use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

**Public Parking Lot** shall mean any parking lot or right-of-way dedicated to public use or owned by the State of Oklahoma or a political subdivision thereof available for public use.

**Revocation of Driver's License** shall mean the termination by formal action by the State Department of Public Safety or like agency of a person's driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, which termination shall not be subject to renewal or restoration except that an application for a new license may be presented and acted upon by such Department of Public Safety after the expiration of the period or revocation.

**Right-of-way** shall mean the privilege of the immediate and prior use of the roadway before other traffic.

**Roadway** shall mean that portion of a highway, exclusive of the shoulder, which is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways the term "roadway" as used herein shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

**Safety Zone** shall mean the area or space officially set apart within a street for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

**Shall**, when used in this title, is always mandatory and never permissive.

**Sidewalk** shall mean that portion of the street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.

**Slow Signs** shall mean signs bearing upon their face the word "Slow".

**Stand or Standing** shall mean the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than momentarily while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

**State** shall mean a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or the province of the Dominion of Canada.

**Stop** shall mean:

- A.** When required, a complete cessation of movement; and
- B.** When prohibited, any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

**Street** shall mean the whole width between boundary lines of every way maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of vehicular travel.

**Traffic** shall mean pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars, and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any street or roadway for the purposes of travel.

**Traffic lane** shall mean the portion of the traveled way for the movement of a single line of vehicles.

**Traffic side** shall mean the street side of the vehicle as distinguished from the curbside.

**Truck** shall mean every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

**U-turn** shall mean to turn a vehicle around to proceed in the opposite direction.

**Vehicle** shall mean every device in, upon or about which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or roadway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

**University** shall mean Rogers State University, Claremore, Oklahoma, including all the University's campuses.

**Yield Signs** shall mean signs bearing upon their face the work "Yield".

### **Section 101. Words and Phrases Not Defined**

Where terms are not defined in this title, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings or such as the context may imply.

### **Section 102. Present and Future Tense; Singular and Plural References**

Words used in the present tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular when used in this title.

### **Section 103. Gender**

Words used in the masculine gender comprehend, as well, the feminine gender and neuter.

## Chapter 2

### Traffic Administration

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#### **Section 200. Duty of Rogers State University Campus Police Officer**

It shall be the duty of the Campus Police Officer to enforce the traffic regulations of Rogers State University and all the State of Oklahoma vehicle laws applicable to street traffic, to make arrest or issue citations for traffic violations, to investigate accidents in accordance with the provisions of 47 O.S. 1991, SS 10-101 as amended, to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations causing or contributing to such accidents, to cooperate with the University in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out those duties specially imposed by this code.

#### **Section 200a. Adoption of State of Oklahoma Traffic code and Rules of the Road.**

The provisions of the State Motor Vehicle code, 47 O.S. 11-101 et seq., and the Rules of the Road, 47 O.S. 11-101 et seq., are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference, and are enforceable by the Rogers State University Campus Police Department, within the University property as fully as if set out at length herein.

#### **Section 201. Regulations-Procedure**

All traffic regulations shall become effective upon the marking of the pavement, installation of traffic-control device or the posting of a sign, signal or notice at a place where such regulation is effective.

#### **Section 202. Traffic Accident Reports**

- A.** Rogers State University Campus Police Department shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports. Accident reports or cards referring to them shall be filed systematically. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the administration and physical plant.
- B.** Such records shall accumulate until five- (5) year period is covered and thereafter such records shall be maintained complete for the most recent five (5) year period.

## Chapter 3

### Stopping, Standing and Parking Regulations

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#### **Section 301. Vehicles- A Public Nuisance**

No person, owner or operator shall park, drive, or be permitted to park or driven any vehicle which has four (4) or more traffic citations against it per semester or two (2) or more unpaid citations and the vehicle will be declared a public nuisance. After due notice, such person, owner, or operator may lose all parking privileges on Rogers State University property.

#### **Section 302. State Employees to Comply**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, the State of Oklahoma, or political subdivision thereof; and it shall be unlawful for any such driver to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise permitted herein or by the laws of the United States or the statutes of the State of Oklahoma.

#### **Section 303. Stopping and Parking**

Where official signs prohibit parking on any part of any street or roadway, no person shall park a vehicle on any such designated place where parking is so prohibited, nor shall any person park a vehicle upon property where official signs designated such property for special use.

#### **Section 303A. RSU Residential Apartment Parking and Parking on other lots**

Parking is provided for residents of the RSU Student Apartments at the complex and the residents are required to park on the RSU Apartment parking lot with the appropriate hang-tag. Parking in a non-residential parking space on other RSU parking lots is prohibited from 7:00am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, when the University is open and classes are scheduled.

#### **Section 304. Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours**

Where official signs are erected giving notice that parking is prohibited during certain hours, no person shall park a vehicle during such hours upon that portion of the street so designated.

### **Section 305. Parking Time Limited**

Where official signs are erected giving notice that parking is limited to a certain period, no person shall park a vehicle for a period exceeding the specified limit. It shall be a violation of this section for any person to move a vehicle in any manner or leave a parking space and then re-enter it to avoid the intent of this section.

### **Section 306. Manner of Parking**

- A. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking spaces and the front most part of a vehicle shall be over the cement-parking block.
- B. No person shall park a vehicle on a street.
- C. No vehicle with the motor running shall be parked on any street, alley, or parking lot; unless a licensed operator is in such vehicle.

### **Section 307. Unattended Vehicles**

No person shall leave a vehicle unattended unless the brakes are securely set and the ignition key removed from the vehicle.

### **Section 308. Procedure for Occupying Vacated Parking Space**

Every driver desiring to enter a parking space being vacated shall stop his vehicle and wait to the rear of the vacating vehicle and having so waited shall have prior right to the parking space over all other drivers. It shall be unlawful for any driver to wait in his vehicle ahead of a parking space being vacated or to attempt to interfere with one who has properly waited at the rear of a parking space being vacated. No driver shall stop and wait for a parking space unless the vehicle vacating the space is in the process of vacating.

### **Section 309. Double Parking or Stopping**

No person shall double park or double-stop any vehicle.

### **Section 310. Moving Parked Vehicles**

It shall be lawful for police officers, in performance of duty, to change the position of any parked vehicle if it is causing a traffic hazard.

### **Section 311. Parking in Excess of twenty-four Hours**

No person, operator or owner shall park or permit to be parked or left standing on any street, alley or other way any vehicle unattended for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours. A vehicle parked more than twenty-four (24) hours is hereby declared one endangering or threatening the public safety and convenience and impeding or likely to impede the efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Any officer believing any vehicle to be so parked shall tag the vehicle and after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle is not moved, it may be impounded or caused to be impounded by an officer or other person duly authorized. If a person requests to leave a vehicle over night, they should contact the Rogers State University Police Department with the vehicle information and location. **Exceptions to this section are as follows: Students living in the campus apartments. Individuals and family members living in family housing on campus. Individuals and family members staying in other campus housing. Properly registered guest at the campus apartments. Guests visiting tenants living in campus family housing or other campus housing units.**



### **Section 312. Parking in Loading Zones**

No vehicle shall park in a loading zone for a period exceeding fifteen (15) minutes.

### **Section 313. Stopping or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places.**

No person shall at any time stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

- A. On a sidewalk;
- B. Over a sidewalk to any degree;
- C. Within an intersection;
- D. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant;
- E. On or over a cross walk to any degree;
- F. In a manner that obscures traffic or a traffic-control device;
- G. On area between sidewalk and curb;
- H. On lawn or ground of any University property, unless permitted by official signs;
- I. In fire or safety zones;
- J. Across a driveway to any degree;
- K. On the center median of parking lots, streets, and/or ways
- L. At the end of a parking row where no parking space exists.
- M. In any manner that interferes with the flow of traffic.

### **Section 314. Parking Permits**

All vehicles on university property must be registered with the Campus Police Office for the current semester and must display a parking (hangtag) permit.

### **Section 315. Disabled Persons Parking**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or park a motor vehicle in any parking space, wheelchair ramp, wheelchair unloading area or any portion thereof on University property accessible to the public and where the public is invited or public property that is designated and posted as a reserved area for parking of a motor vehicle operated by or transporting a physically disabled person unless such person has applied for and been issued a detachable insignia indicating a physical disability under the provisions of 47 O.S. Supp.1996 S 15-112, and such insignia is displayed as provided in 47 O.S. Supp.1996, S 15-112, or rules adopted pursuant thereto, or has applied for and been issued a physically disabled special license plate pursuant to the provisions of 47 O.S. Supp.1996, S 1136, and such license plate is displayed pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

### **Section 316. Citation on illegally parked vehicle**

Whenever any motor vehicle without driver is found parked, standing or stopped, in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by the Rogers State University Traffic Code or the Rogers State University Student Code of Responsibilities and Conduct, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its hang-tag permit number, registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its ownership and shall conspicuously affix a traffic citation to the vehicle.

### **Section 317. Fines and payment**

Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, every person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and be fined not more than **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)**, except for Section 313D (dealing with parking next to a fire hydrant) and Section 315 (Disabled Persons Parking) which are punished by a fine of **Sixty Dollars (\$60.00)**.

All fines will be paid in the Bursar Office at Rogers State University. A hold may be placed on a student's transcript for unpaid fines.

### **Section 318. Authority to Impound Vehicles**

Members of the Rogers State University Campus Police Department are hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed a vehicle from any university property, including streets, alleys, and parking lots.

1. When a vehicle has been declared a nuisance and ordered impounded under the provisions of Section 301. A Public Nuisance;
2. When a suspicious vehicle is left unattended upon any street, alley, roadway, parking lot, or next to a building and the officer is alerted to any possible terrorism activity;
3. When a vehicle is so disabled or defective as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to traffic and/or the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal;
4. When a vehicle is left unattended upon a university street, alley, or roadway as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic; or
5. When a vehicle is parked or left standing in excess of twenty-four (24) hours in violation of Section 311. Parking in Excess of twenty-four hours;
  - B. If the vehicle impounded has not been reclaimed within twenty-four (24) hours of the time of its impoundment, the Rogers State University Campus Police shall notify the vehicle's registered owner at the address provided by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. **See Oklahoma State Law Chapter 71 Section 903. Notice of Removal- Civil Liability.**

### **Section 319. Appeal Process**

#### **Appeal process for Rogers State University citations:**

Submit a letter to the Chief of Campus Police outlining the appeal to:

Chief of Campus Police  
1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd.  
Claremore, OK 74017.

The Campus Police Office must receive the appeal letter within 10 days of the date of the citation. The appeal letter must include the student's name, student ID number, and automobile tag number, copy of citation, address, and telephone number where the Chief can reach the student. For individuals other than students, the appeal letter must include the individual's name, driver's license number, and copy of citation, address, and telephone number where the Chief can reach the individual. The Chief of Campus Police or his designee will initial and date the letter when it arrives.

The Chief of Campus Police has 10 days to review the citation and help resolve the appeal. If an agreement is not reached; the student or individual may appeal the citation to an Appeals Committee. Note: The student or individual has the burden of proof rebutting the citation with clear and convincing evidence.

The Appeals Committee will consist of one student and two staff members appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs. When needed, the Appeals Committee will meet the second Thursday of the month to consider all appeals submitted. The Committee will deny or approve the appeal, and a copy of the appeal and the disposition of the appeal will be sent to the student or individual. If the appeal is approved, the student's account will be credited according to the terms set forth by the Committee. Failure to pay the Bursars Office for citation fines will result in a hold on all future enrollments until the charges are cleared. For appeals by individuals other than students, if appeal is approved, the citation will be voided. If the appeal is denied, the individual must make payment to the Bursar's Office.

## Chapter 4

### Moving Regulations and Traffic-Control Devices

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#### **Section 400. Obedience to Police and Fire Department Officers**

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any visual or audible order or direction of a Police Officer or Fire Department Officer while any such officer is engaged in directing traffic.

#### **Section 401. Motorcycle or Motor Scooter Drivers Holding on to Moving Vehicles**

No rider of a motorcycle or motor scooter shall hold on to any other vehicle for the purpose of being propelled.

#### **Section 402. Obedience to Traffic-Control Devices**

All operators of motor vehicles and all pedestrians shall obey official traffic-control devices which shall include all signs, all parking regulations, all buttons, all curbing, all mechanical signals, and all paint marks placed on the surface of the roadway and all electrically controlled traffic signals.

#### **Section 403. Avoiding Traffic-Control Devices**

No person shall drive through a driveway or parking lot to avoid use of a street or traffic-control device.

#### **Section 404. Stop Signs**

- A. The driver of a vehicle shall completely stop his vehicle before entering any intersection where official stop signs have been erected.
- B. Vehicle stops at stop signs shall be made with the vehicle ceasing all forward movement, in the proper lane and behind the extending curb line of the intersecting street.

- C. The driver of a vehicle at a stop sign shall stop in a position where he has complete visibility to the right and left of the intersection and having so stopped shall yield right-of-way to all other vehicles already in motion in the intersection or so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- D. When two (2) or more vehicles stop in a consecutive line at an intersection controlled by a stop sign, each vehicle must pull forward to the stop sign or curb line of the intersecting street and completely cease all forward movement before proceeding into the intersection.

#### **Section 405. Yield Signs**

The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall slow down to a speed reasonable for existing conditions or shall stop, if necessary, yielding the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing the street on which he is driving and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another street so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

#### **Section 406. Starting and Stopping**

Before starting, stopping or turning, the driver of any vehicle upon a street, alley, highway or public or private roadway shall first assure himself that such movement can be made in safety without endangering other vehicles or pedestrian traffic.

#### **Section 407. Drivers Leaving Parked Position**

A driver leaving a parked position shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles already in motion or so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

#### **Section 408. Backing**

Any driver backing a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles and pedestrians which are so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. No person shall back a vehicle into an intersection or over a crosswalk. A driver backing a vehicle shall do so at a reduced careful speed and shall only back while vision is not obstructed and not more than two (2) car lengths unless ordered to do so by a police officer.

#### **Section 409. Speeding**

- A. ***Speed Limits-Posted.*** No driver at Rogers State University shall exceed the speed limits posted on the official traffic-control devices.
- B. ***Speed Limits-Un-posted.*** Any speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless official traffic-control devices are erected indicating a greater or lesser speed, is unlawful.

#### **Section 410. Conditions Affecting Speed**

Notwithstanding the posted speed limits, any person driving a vehicle shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the roadway and any other condition then existing; and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a roadway at a speed greater than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

#### **Section 411. Excessive Acceleration**

No driver shall either purposely or inadvertently cause his vehicle to accelerate at such an excessive or rapid rate of speed so as to spin or squeal the tires of such vehicle, or cause his ability to control such vehicle to be impaired to any appreciable degree.

#### **Section 412. Turn and Stop Signals**

Every driver, before turning, stopping or slowing his vehicle, shall give the following hand or light signals, or both:

- A. For a left turn, the driver's left hand and arm shall be held horizontally outside the vehicle to indicate turning intention, or a blinker light on the front and rear of the vehicle shall indicate the direction of turning;

- B. For a right turn, the driver's left hand and arm shall be held upward outside the vehicle to indicate turning intention, or a blinker light on the front and rear of the vehicle shall indicate such a direction of turn; or
- C. To indicate an intention to stop or decrease in speed, the driver's left hand and arm shall be held downward outside the vehicle, or a red light on the rear of the vehicle shall light upon the driver's application of the brake.

#### **Section 413. U-turn**

No driver of a vehicle shall execute a U-turn unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

#### **Section 414. Turning-Two-way Street**

- A. **Right Turn.** The approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- B. **Left Turn.** At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered.

#### **Section 415. Turning Vehicles-Right-of-way**

Vehicles turning left shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles proceeding straight ahead or making a right turn which are so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

#### **Section 416. Entering an Intersection**

No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection and crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to precede.

#### **Section 417. Unmarked Intersections**

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection without any traffic-control device to regulate the flow of traffic entering the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles already in the intersection or to any vehicle approaching from his right whenever that vehicle is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

#### **Section 418. Driving on Right Side of Street**

Upon all two-way streets, parts of streets and alleys, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the vehicle upon the right half of the roadway except, when the right half of the roadway is in disrepair and for such reason impassable; and after yielding the right-of-way to traffic approaching from the opposite direction a driver may proceed on the usable portion of the roadway with safety and not to create a hazard.

#### **Section 419. Driving on Sidewalks**

No vehicle shall be driven within or upon any sidewalk area, except as authorized by maintenance, the physical plant, or Campus Police Department.

#### **Section 420. Motorcycles or Motor Scooters on Sidewalks**

No person shall ride any motorcycle or motor scooter upon any sidewalk unless authorized.

#### **Section 421. Driving Through Barriers**

No person shall drive any vehicle on or across any newly-made pavement or on any freshly-painted markings on any open or closed street, alley, parking lot, or roadway across or around which pavement or markings there is a barrier or temporary barricade or at or near which there is a person or sign warning

persons not to drive on or across such pavement. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons while engaged in the construction or maintenance of such markings, barricades, or roadways, or to persons entering therein for the protection of lives or property.

#### **Section 422. Inattentive Driving**

- A. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any driver to fail to remain alert and give full attention to the safe operation of his vehicle while it is in motion
- B. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any driver to engage in any activity while driving that interferes with the safe control of his vehicle.
- C. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to engage in any activity or to do any act which interferes with a driver's safe operation of a vehicle.

#### **Section 423. Fines and payment**

Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, every person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and fined not more than **Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)**. Student fines will be paid at the Bursar office at Rogers State University. A hold may be placed on a student's transcript for unpaid fines.

#### **Section 424. Appeal Process.**

Same process as parking- See Section 319 for the appeal process

## Chapter 5

### Pedestrians- Rights and Duties

#### **Section 500. Pedestrians' Right-of-way in Crosswalks**

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#### **Section 500. Pedestrians' Right-of-Way in crosswalks**

- A. When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon that half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- B. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- C. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle until the overtaking driver has ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

#### **Section 501. Crossing Street**

Every pedestrian shall cross the street within the crosswalk or at an intersection, whether or not such intersection is controlled by traffic-control signals.

#### **Section 502. When Pedestrians Shall Yield**

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point, other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

#### **Section 503. Pedestrians Walking Along Roadway**

- A. Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon any adjacent roadway.
- B. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a roadway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder, facing traffic, which may approach from the opposite direction.

#### **Section 504. Person skateboarding or rollerblading on any RSU Properties**

No person shall ride a skateboard or rollerblade on any RSU properties.

#### **Section 505. Fines and payment**

Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, every person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and fined not more than **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)**. Student fines will be paid at the Bursar office at Rogers State University. A hold may be placed on a student's transcript for unpaid fines

#### **Section 506. Appeal**

Same as parking- See Section 319 for the appeal process

## **Chapter 6**

### **Tobacco Use**

#### **Section 600. Tobacco Use**

#### **Section 601. Fines**

#### **Section 600. Tobacco Use**

Rogers State University is committed to a healthy environment and has adopted policies limited the use of tobacco on campus. The full text of the Tobacco-Free Policies is included in the Faculty, Staff and Student Handbooks. The policies are effective July 1, 2012.

#### **Section 601. Fines**

After receiving an initial warning and reminder of the policy, repeated violations of the policy will be subject to fines of \$10.00 for the second violation of the policy, and \$50.00 for the third violation. An appeals process will be used similar to that used for appeals of parking fines.



## Chapter 7

### BICYCLES

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#### **Section 700. Traffic Code Applicable**

Every person operating a bicycle on any RSU property shall be subject to the provisions of this traffic code applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their very nature can have no application. Any such person shall obey the instructions of any official traffic signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

#### **Section 701. Bicycle Registration**

Any bicycle operated on the university campus shall be registered with the Hillcat Card Office. This requirement applies regardless of whether the owner is a student, faculty or staff member. Registration is at no cost. Bicycle operators may contact the Hillcat Card Office for information about how to register. Walk-in registration locations:

RSU Hillcat Card Office  
Markham Hall, Room 206  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
918-343-6884

#### **Section 702. Manner of Riding**

A person operating a bicycle shall not ride, other than astride, the permanent and regular seat or carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon.

#### **Section 703. Speed**

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions that exist.

#### **Section 704. Riding on Right Side**

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

## **Section 705. Right-of-Way**

The operator of a bicycle emerging from any street, alley, or driveway shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across such alley or driveway (crosswalk), must yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

## **Section 706. Campus Sidewalks, Walkways or Buildings**

Bicycles may be ridden on campus sidewalks, except where such riding is specifically prohibited by signs, but at all times must be kept under the control of the rider, operated at a safe speed and yield the right of way to pedestrians. No person shall operate a bicycle on campus ramps associated with structures, or inside any university building. In the event of a collision on campus sidewalks involving a bicycle, including without limitation any contact with a pedestrian, the involved parties must stop and exchange names, local addresses, telephone numbers and, if students, student ID numbers.

## **Section 707. Holding on to Car**

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any car or vehicle upon a roadway.

## **Section 708. Riding Abreast**

Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

## **Section 709. Carrying Packages**

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

## **Section 710. Parking**

- A. No person shall park a bicycle in such manner as to obstruct pedestrian traffic.
- B. All bicycles must be parked clear of ramps, sidewalks, and building entrances.
- C. Bicycles shall be parked only in designated racks or lockers placed on campus by the university for that purpose.
- D. Bicycles parked other than in bicycle racks or lockers may be issued a citation and are subject to impoundment.
- E. Bicycles secured to campus fixtures other than designated racks shall be subject to removal.
- F. The responsibility for the security of parked bicycles rests with the owner and the university shall not be responsible or liable in any way for lost, stolen, or damaged bicycles.
- G. Bicycles shall be kept in good working order and shall not be allowed to deteriorate.
- H. Bicycles may not be parked indoors. Bicycles parked indoors shall be subject to removal without prior notice.

## **Section 711. Parking Zones**

The university may designate certain zones upon the streets, alleys, driveways, walkways or grass areas, for parking of only bicycles; and wherever such zones are designated, bicycles shall be parked in those designated zones only.

## **Section 712. Lights**

Every bicycle or person operating a bicycle which is used at night shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light, when lighted, of sufficient size and candlepower to be visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be of sufficient size to be visible up to and including three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

### **Section 713. Brakes**

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on a dry, level, and clean pavement.

### **Section 714. Abandoned Bicycle**

The university may remove any bicycle that is abandoned. By definition under this policy, a bicycle is considered abandoned when it is observed to be apparently parked in the same location longer than two weeks or that is apparently broken, inoperable, or derelict. If a removed bicycle is registered under this policy, the Campus Police will try to contact the registered owner to arrange for removal. All contact with university affiliates will be made by using their university assigned e-mail address. If an abandoned bicycle is not registered, the university may remove it immediately. The university is not responsible for the cost of locks, chains, other security devices, or any other item that may be damaged or destroyed as a result of removing any bicycle.

### **Section 715. Disposing or Reclaiming of Bicycle**

The university may dispose of any bicycle that has been in storage longer than three months. The university may destroy or otherwise dispose of any removed bicycle. Impounded bicycles are stored by the RSU Physical Plant Department. To effect release of their bike, owners must contact the Physical Plant at 918-343-7818 to set an appointment and meet with Physical Plant personnel at the storage location. Any owner wishing to reclaim an impounded bicycle removed from the university campus shall produce evidence of ownership to the satisfaction of the Physical Plant personnel before the bicycle will be released. Owners will not be compensated for locks or security devices necessarily damaged in order to accomplish impoundment. The university may charge fines in accordance with Section 716 of the Police Department Traffic Code. Payment of fines shall be the responsibility of the bicycle's owner and can be appealed as set forth in Section 717 Appeal Process.

### **Section 716. Fines and Payment**

Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, every person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and fined **Five Dollars (\$5.00)**. Student fines will be paid at the Rogers State University Bursar's Office. A hold may be placed on a student's transcript for unpaid fines.

### **Section 717. Appeal Process**

See Section 319 for the appeal process.