



## **ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY REVISED TRAFFIC CODE**

(Revised 09/19/2011 only to be enforced on parking lots of RSU-Bartlesville)

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 Bartlesville Traffic Codes, and has a working relationship with the Washington County District Attorney's Office and the City of Bartlesville dealing with traffic violations. (See Chapter 2, Section 200a). An RSU Police Officer can issue an RSU citation, City citation, or County citation.

### **SECTION 301. VEHICLES- A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

No person, owner or operator shall park, drive or permit to be parked or permit to be driven any vehicle which has four (4) or more traffic citations against it per semester. Any vehicle with four (4) or more traffic citations is hereby declared a public nuisance and after due notice 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, 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 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 in that portion of the parking lot 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 vehicle with the motor running shall be parked in the 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 311. PARKING IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS**

No person, operator or owner shall park or permit to be parked or left standing in the student parking lot 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.

## **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. On or over a cross walk to any degree;
- D. On area between sidewalk and curb;
- E. On the center median of parking lots and/or ways
- F. At the end of a parking row where no parking space exists.
- G. 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 47O.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 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 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 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 parked or left standing in excess of twenty-four (24) hours in violation of Section 311.
5. Parking in Excess of twenty-four hours; 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, 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, 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.