



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3361:70-5-08 Parking: towing and impounding of vehicles.

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(A) Towing and/or impoundment of a vehicle may occur when a vehicle is:

Blocking a fire lane or hydrant.

Blocking a roadway, drive or loading dock.

Blocking a dumpster.

Blocking other vehicles.

Creating a real or potential safety hazard.

Owned or operated by an individual with outstanding delinquent parking tags.

Using a revoked, altered, or stolen permit, key card or decal.

Parked in violation of posted signs and/or barricades.

Parked in a handicap or reserved stall.

Total payment of all outstanding fines, delinquent, impoundment fees, and towing charges must be made in order to release the vehicle. Cash, certified checks, "Discover," "Mastercard," "American Express," or "Visa" are the only acceptable means of payment. Personal checks must be approved by parking management. If a tow truck is called to move a vehicle and the driver appears before the vehicle is towed and agrees to pay all outstanding obligations, the vehicle will not be towed, but the individual is responsible for the tow charge.

(B) Any vehicle parked overnight without valid parking privileges displayed may be cited. Any



vehicle remaining on university property for more than seventy-two hours without a valid university parking permit or decal will be considered abandoned. Abandoned vehicles may be towed and/or impounded at the owner's expense. Unclaimed, abandoned vehicles may be sold at public auction thirty days after notice.

(C) Vehicles may be towed for the facilitation of university operations (construction, maintenance, special events, emergency, etc.).

(D) University of Cincinnati police services and/or parking services may tow and/or impound vehicles.

(E) Vehicles are subject to tow/impound at any time it becomes apparent that they are using a handicap stall without the proper handicap authorization. Authorization for reserved stalls is posted by permit number or license plate number. For garage non-reserved stalls, a standard handicap insignia is required. All disabled visitors, UC staff and students must park in garages unless the prerequisite credentials for that area are issued.

When a vehicle is found to be parked illegally in a handicap stall, the parking facilities superintendent will respond to verify all information. Parking office personnel will make an effort to contact the owner of the vehicle in question before towing, to verify handicap status. This contact period shall not exceed thirty minutes. In the event a handicapped individual utilizes a "reserved" handicap parking stall, a violation tag will be issued without towing for the first offense. Handicapped individuals who continually violate reserved handicap stalls will be subject to the same enforcement policies as all other persons.