



## **PARKING RULES**

All students, college employees, or others routinely parking a vehicle on campus must obtain a registration/parking permit. Students are to park in areas designated with yellow stripes and Faculty/Staff are to park in areas designated with white stripes. New permits are issued at the beginning of the fall semester and expire in August of the following year. The parking tag may be transferred from one vehicle to another if needed. Parking tags may be obtained at the Student Account Payment Center Window located in the Administration Building in Pocahontas and in the Student Affairs office in Paragould.

One parking tag will be issued **per school year** at no charge. Any additional parking tags will cost \$5.00 each. **HANG PARKING PERMIT ON REARVIEW MIRROR FACING FRONT OF VEHICLE.**

The following is a list of violations that may result in a fine.

1. **No parking permit/Not registered to park.**
2. **Hanging permit not properly displayed.**
3. **Defacing, reproducing, altering or illegal use of permit.**
4. **Falsifying registration information.**
5. **Driving/Parking on grass.**
6. **Parking in space reserved for handicapped.**
7. **Faculty/staff parking in yellow parking areas. (Yellow designated for students.)**
8. **Student parking in white area. (White designated for faculty/staff.)**
9. **Double parking/blocking.**
10. **Blocking loading dock or ramp.**
11. **Blocking drive.**
12. **Blocking the dumpster.**
13. **Parking on the wrong side of the street.**
14. **Parking where prohibited by sign.**
15. **Parking in a space in a manner that may obstruct a sidewalk/walkway (i.e.: Tow hitch hanging over.)**
16. **Blocking fire hydrants.**
17. **Parking in space reserved for Visitors.**

Parking fines are \$5.00 for the first violation and increase by \$5.00 for each additional violation. (Example 1<sup>st</sup> violation \$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation \$10.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> violation \$15.00, etc.)

(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BACK)

Below are some commonly listed excuses given for violating parking regulations and the reasons appeals based on these excuses are denied. These excuses may seem valid to the violator, but they do not address the laws of the State of Arkansas or Black River Technical College. **The appeals form is available on the Campus Police webpage (<https://blackrivertech.org/about/police>) and must be received by the BRTC PD within (5) calendar days of citation issuance.** The listed excuses generally will not result in citation dismissal.

1. **SHORT ERRANDS.** A short errand is a very common excuse, but it is not valid for illegal parking.
2. **LATE FOR CLASS, BUSINESS, APPOINTMENT.** Lateness does not permit the driver to violate the parking regulations of BRTC.
3. **NO OTHER PLACE TO PARK—THE LOT WAS FULL.** This excuse only confirms the violator's liability. It is every driver's responsibility to locate legal parking.
4. **DID NOT SEE SIGN OR LINE—MISUNDERSTOOD SIGN.** Drivers are required to observe signs and lines when parking. This may mean checking an entire lot from corner to corner.
5. **SOMEONE WAS IN THE CAR—PARKING LIGHTS ON—EMERGENCY LIGHTS FLASHING—NOTE LEFT ON VEHICLE REGARDING WHEREABOUTS—MOTOR LEFT RUNNING.** Many drivers believe that evidence of a short stay mitigates the violation. All non-moving regulations apply no matter how short the stay. Such evidence does not constitute a valid reason for citation dismissal.
6. **ONLY PARKED A FEW MINUTES.** Same as #5.
7. **NO CITATIONS WRITTEN ON OTHER VEHICLES FOR SAME VIOLATION.** Sometimes enforcement personnel must leave an area before all vehicles are checked. All citations, however, stand alone.
8. **REGULATION HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED IN THE PAST.** Previous failure to enforce parking regulations is not a valid reason for violating such regulations.
9. **EVERYBODY DOES IT—DONE IT FOR YEARS, ETC.** BRTC parking regulations make no provision for rewarding past patterns of violations whether citations were written or not.