1. PARKING REGULATIONS

The Boston College properties are private and the University reserves the right to control access at all times. To protect the University community and to provide optimal use of parking resources for community members, campus access is controlled via parking permit only. Parking at Boston College is a privilege and regulations are strictly enforced. The University reserves the right to change access and parking regulations based upon major events of the University.

Regulations, rules, policy recommendations, permissions, and procedures concerning parking at Boston College are managed by the Transportation and Parking Office, under the direction of the Office of Auxiliary Services.

The Office of Student Services operates the parking management system and distributes the parking permits.

Enforcement of the Massachusetts parking laws and Boston College parking regulations, rules and policies is managed by the Boston College Police Department. The Boston College Police Department manages the issuance of citations.

Collaborative management review of transportation, parking processes, event plan coordination, investigation request, research and reviews handled by a Parking Management Council consisting of the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, BC Police Department Chief, BC Police Department Captain and Executive Director of Auxiliary Services.

Authorized parking space

The responsibility of finding an authorized parking space rests with the driver. Lack of space, mechanical problems, and inclement weather conditions are not considered valid excuses for failure to comply with traffic and parking regulations.

Accidents/criminal activity

All vehicular accidents occurring on Boston College property must be reported to the Boston College Police Department immediately.

Boston College assumes no responsibility for damage caused by others to any vehicle, person or personal property while on Boston College property.

General parking regulations

- Parking is by permit only in authorized lined parking spaces.
- All vehicles entering Boston College property with or without a permit must have a valid registration, valid emissions sticker and valid insurance.
- Overnight parking is NOT allowed except for A, R, M, G, L, S-RF and SGS-2 permits or via permission of BC Police Department for designated parking locations.
- All unlined areas on Boston College properties are considered Firelanes and may not be used for parking for any reason or any length of time unless directed by the BC Police Department. Parking in an illegal area can or will result in citations and/or sanctions (see Citations and Sanctions).

Vehicle damage/property loss

Boston College assumes no responsibility for damage, theft or property loss for any reason while a vehicle is operated or parked on Boston College properties, including flooding or other weather related incidents to vehicles and/or other content.

Inclement weather

Winter Weather Emergencies

- During snow or other weather emergencies, parking advisories may be issued to inform the campus community of parking changes via email, social media or signage.
- Snow clearance is a priority; any vehicle interfering with plowing will be ticketed and/or towed.
- Preferred Parking status will be suspended in all areas to accommodate the maximal use of garage parking.
- Garage parking is mandated to minimize parking for snow removal.
- Resident student permit holders must park where directed.
- Vehicles without BC parking permits or passes will be ticketed and/or towed.

Rain/Flooding

In the responsibility of the permit holder to monitor weather conditions and Boston College parking advisories to avoid damage to vehicles and/or property.

Boston College assumes no responsibility to warn permit holders of sudden or unpredicted severe storms that may cause flooding or property damage.

During flood periods, parking may be restricted. Flood prone areas of the campus include the lower campus commuter lot and the first level of the Beacon Street Garage. It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to place his/her vehicle in non-flood prone areas during inclement weather events.

2. PARKING PERMIT RULES

Permit holder’s agreement

- Upon qualifying for and accepting a parking permit, all permit holders agree that they fully understand and will abide by all Boston College parking and traffic regulations.
- Failure to adhere to these regulations may result in penalties defined by infractions.
- Parking permits are required throughout the academic year and summer. Proximity cards or EZ Pass transponders are required for access to campus parking garages.

Faculty and staff annual renewal is in May for fiscal year June 1 through May 31.

- Resident students and summer students renew each semester during open enrollment periods. Other student permits include the academic year plus the following summer semester.
- Summer parking permits are required for summer resident students, other summer students, conference members or others who may be qualified for application to park on campus during the summer months.
- Prices of permits are based on permit type, see Parking Permit Categories and Restrictions.
- Vehicle must be registered to the specific permit applicant or an immediate family member.
- Limit of one permit per employee or qualified student, non-transferable to another person.
- Permit display location: must be placed inside car on the front windshield driver's side at the lowest corner. Must be legible from outside but not obstruct driver's line of sight.
- Expiring permits must be removed from vehicle display when a permit is renewed.
- Lost permits, transponders or hanging tags must be formally reported to the BC Police Department before a new permit can be acquired. Filing a false report will result in the permit holder's forfeiture of ability to acquire future parking permit privileges from Boston College.

Students are responsible for the full cost of their permit for the full semester.

Authorized Employee or Student

Employees and students who would like to discontinue payment for a parking permit must return the Boston College parking permit to Student Services prior to the end of the semester for closing of his/her parking permit account.

Vehicle/permit changes

All parking permit vehicle changes must be reported, prior to changing of parking permit or bringing non-BC registered vehicle to campus, to the Office of Student Services at (617) 552-3300. These revisions include: Make, model, color, year, and license plate.

When changing vehicles for any reason, your personal parking data on file with Boston College must reflect these changes.

Payment for permits

Faculty & Staff will apply for campus parking permits and transponders utilizing the University Agora web site and purchase via tax exempt payroll deduction in accordance with Federal tax laws. Parking permit rates are noted on “Employee Parking Permit Categories & Restrictions” list. Parking payments will automatically be deducted from every paycheck as the employee is in the University payroll system, including vacation periods, paid sick time and other paid absences. Employees who are paid weekly will have weekly payroll deductions that equate to the specific monthly parking rates noted. Employees who receive monthly pay checks will have the specific monthly payment deducted from each monthly paycheck. In accordance to Federal law, refunds from tax exempt parking will not be made.

Students will apply for campus parking permits utilizing the Agora Portal and pay for purchase via their student account. Parking permit rates are noted on “Parking Types And Pricing” list on the T&P web site. Student parking permits are priced and paid for on an annual fiscal year basis except for residential and summer students which are to be paid by the end of the semester.

Event parking

Parking access and permit areas may be altered to accommodate Athletic Department and other major events that may affect the entire campus community. Please follow posted Transportation & Parking web site directions and informational advisories.
3. TRAFFIC & PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Boston College Traffic and Parking Regulations are enforced by the Boston College Police. Enforcement may include sanctions of warnings, ticketing, towing, vehicle movement restrictors, administrative action and privileges.

All traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts apply on Boston College Property.

4. CITATIONS & SANCTIONS

Citations
- Group A - $0
  - Warning
- Group B - $25.00
  - Blocking dumpster or another vehicle
  - Parking in violation of snow removal policy
  - Driving on wrong way on a one-way street
  - Failure to stop at a stop sign, for security attendant or pedestrian in a crosswalk
  - Unlicensed individual or unregistered motor vehicle
- Group C - $50.00
  - Not parked in a lined space
  - Exceeding time limit
  - Unauthorized overnight parking
  - Impeding emergency vehicles
  - Parking or driving on a sidewalk
  - Speeding
  - Damaging a parking violation
  - Failure to stop for a Police Officer
  - Using fictitious, falsely made, or altered University permit
  - Removing a barricade or crossing a barricaded area

Sanctions
- Group D - $75.00
  - No permit or wrong permit
  - Parking in restricted area without proper permit
- Group E - $100.00
  - Altered University permit
  - Transferred permit or falsification of vehicle information
- Group F - $125.00
  - Parked in an accessible parking space

Vehicle towing
- An illegally parked vehicle is subject to tow at the owner’s expense and fees are set by the state.
- Occasionally, a vehicle may be relocated via towing, without warning to vehicle owner, for unforeseen traffic control reasons. Such a tow would be at the expense of BC.

5. PARKING ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parking Advisory Council is designed to be an impartial body representing all segments of the University community. It is composed of faculty, staff and students. BC Police do not have a vote in a decision concerning the appeal, but they may be consulted in regard to questions concerning the interpretation of regulations or the specific violation.

The Parking Advisory Council meets once a month. All decisions of the Advisory Council are final. Appellants will be advised of these decisions in writing as promptly as possible after each session.

Appeal regulations
1. All appeals must be submitted through our on-line appeal system. Please wait two business days before paying or appealing a citation.
2. Failure to file within 14 calendar days of violation date will result in forfeiture of appeal privileges. No appeal will be accepted after this period.

Concerns or questions regarding parking should be directed to the Transportation & Parking Office at: transportation@bc.edu

www.bc.edu/parking

Summary of Parking and Traffic Regulations 2020-2021