I. General expectations

A. Any student (residential, commuter or auditing a course) who wishes to keep or operate any motor vehicle while enrolled at Goshen College must:

1. Register any vehicle(s) they may bring to campus and attach the permit to the front windshield lower passenger side by the first day of class once each academic year (fall or spring).
2. Have the vehicle covered by public liability and property damage insurance, and have a current license plate and tags.

B. The administration reserves the right to withdraw parking privileges from any student, staff or faculty person.

II. Registration

Students:

Motor vehicle registration at Goshen College is FREE. Registration should be done prior to the first day of class. Registration for students is completed online at http://www.goshen.edu/physplant/home/ and click on the quick link “Register your vehicle.” You will receive a confirmation e-mail confirming your registration. Students will receive their sticker via campus mail. Faculty/staff should still come to the Physical Plant office to register a vehicle and receive their sticker.

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Display the sticker on the passenger-side back window. On motorbikes and scooters, place them on the rear fender in a clearly visible position. All students that have motorcycles must come to the physical plant office to get them registered. This may not be done online.

Students with a documented medical condition may apply for a permit at the Student Life office that allows parking in restricted areas. Faculty and staff must go to the human resources department for a restricted permit.
Faculty/Staff:
Please register your vehicle at the Physical Plant office.

III. Regulations

A. General

1. No parking
   a. in service drives or spaces
   b. in any area marked by a yellow curb
   c. in areas posted by signs
   d. on sidewalks or lawns
   e. in front of dumpsters

2. All faculty/staff parking lots have restricted parking from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and there are some spaces reserved 24 hours for working faculty and staff.

3. All visitor lots have restricted parking from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Persons with student, faculty, or staff stickers may not park in visitor spaces during these times.

4. Upon application at student life, a special permit may be given to physically challenged people with a valid doctor’s slip to park in specified areas. Numerous handicap parking spaces are provided on campus and are patrolled regularly to ensure they are not abused. Faculty/staff must apply at the human resource office for a temporary handicap sticker.

5. College-owned cars must be parked in the physical plant motor pool spaces, or in open parking. They may not be parked in faculty/staff or visitor spaces. Violations of this policy will be charged to the driver or department who signed out the car.

B. Violations include the following:

1. Driving recklessly or exceeding campus speed limit of 15 miles per hour.

2. Driving, riding or parking on sidewalks or lawns.

3. Parking in a restricted area.

4. Parking in a handicap parking space without proper designation on or in the vehicle.

5. Failure to register vehicle.

6. Failure to permanently mount a sticker after purchasing it.

7. Failure to notify the physical plant within seven days of a license plate change.

8. Registering a vehicle in another person’s name.

9. Abandonment or failure to keep vehicle in operable condition. (Flat tires, broken windows, battered body, non-current license plates, etc.) Per city ordinance, such vehicles will be tagged by the city of Goshen and towed at the owner’s expense.

10. Repeated similar offenses constitute a more serious offense. Vehicles continually found in violation will be subject to having a wheel lock installed.

C. Traffic control

1. The traffic board, under the direction of the Student Life
   a. registers motor vehicles operated by students, faculty and staff members of Goshen College
   b. issues and revokes parking permits
   c. issues traffic tickets
   d. assesses and charges fines
   e. assist in recommending policy and signage changes

2. Appeals must be made in writing to student life within one week from the time the ticket was processed and charged to the violator’s account.

D. Systems for handling violations

1. Failure to register a vehicle will result in an automatic $35 fine. Ticketing will begin the first Monday after classes begin. No warnings are given for this offense. With the first ticket, a license check is completed. The individual may be charged a $10 look up fee and given the chance to register their vehicle. All subsequent tickets for non-registration of a vehicle each carry a $35 fine.

2. Violations are cumulative throughout the school year.

3. Violations are equal in weight except for failure to register a vehicle.

4. The first ticket will be considered a warning, except for non-registration of a vehicle.

5. A $20 fine is levied beginning with the violator’s second ticket. All fines will be charged to the violator’s account within five days of the ticket being written.

6. After three tickets for no current registration and no response from the offender, a wheel lock may be installed. A $45 fine will be charged for removal and license plate check.

7. Vehicles blocking access to a parking lot, building or dumpster may be impounded. All costs will be the responsibility of the owner.

IV. Questions/Concerns

The Student Life office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions regarding your ticket, please contact the office for clarification. Please allow time for ticket to be processed. If at any time, your vehicle breaks down or you need assistance, please call either the physical plant at ext. 7351 or campus security at ext. 7599.

V. Appeals policy

All appeals must be directed to student life. Appeals will be limited to two conditions in which it can be clearly demonstrated that 1) the ticket writer was in error in giving the ticket, or 2) there was some unusual circumstance, which was beyond the persons’ control. The second limitation does not include the misuse of one’s vehicle by another person, or failing to call security if your car breaks down. The responsibility for the operation and parking of a vehicle rests with the owner, and the Student Life office will not hear appeals in those instances in which someone other than the owner parks or operates a vehicle inappropriately. No appeals will be allowed for violation, which is spelled out in the documents provided by the college. Bringing a vehicle to campus carries with it the responsibility to know all the specific circumstances under which that vehicle may be operated and parked. Persons who receive citations are expected to respond by contacting the student life office immediately. Appeals must be made in writing within one week of the time the ticket was processed and charged to the violator’s account.

VI. Frequently asked questions about parking

1. My car has broken down and I can’t move it. What should I do?
   First, call campus security at 7599 and they will attempt to help you with your vehicle. Then ask them to leave a message with physical plant in order to avoid a ticket for illegal parking. If you do not contact security when you can’t move your vehicle, you are liable for any and all tickets that you may receive.

2. My friend/relative drove my parent’s/spouse’s car on campus a couple of times a year. Do I need to register it?
   Yes, you have seven days in which to register a vehicle once it first comes on to campus. Registration is free. Please register all vehicles that you may ever drive onto the campus.

3. I or my spouse only drive my parent’s/spouse’s car on campus a couple of times a year. Do I need to register it?
   Yes, you have seven days in which to register a vehicle once it first comes on to campus. Registration is free. Please register all vehicles that you may ever drive onto the campus.

4. I only have a vehicle on campus for a short period of time. What should I do?
   If your vehicle will be on campus for two weeks or less (excluding May term), you should come to the physical plant or the Student Life office within seven days to pick up a temporary parking permit. If your vehicle will be on campus for more than two weeks you must register for a permanent registration sticker.

5. I live close to the campus and I probably won’t ever drive my car on campus. Do I need to register my vehicle?
   A registration sticker is necessary for all students, staff and faculty who drive their vehicles onto campus. It is in your best interest to register your vehicle because any ticket for “No current registration” carries an automatic $35 fine for current students, faculty and staff.

6. If my spouse brings a car on campus, does it need to be registered?
   Yes, All vehicles must be registered.