



Title: Abandoned Vehicle Policy	Policy Category: Administrative
Issuing Authority: Enterprise Risk Management	Responsibility: Mobility & Parking Services
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Policy Statement/Background:

None

Policy:

Unregistered and abandoned vehicles, as defined in the New York State Vehicle Traffic Law: Section 1224 and in the New York State Education Law: Chapter V, Part 584 (Stony Brook Traffic and Parking Regulations), will be removed from the campus grounds at the owner's expense. Violations on the campus may result in the owner being summoned to court and/or the campus judicial system. Removal of license plates does not absolve the owner of the responsibility for proper disposal of a vehicle.

Procedures

Identification of Abandoned Vehicle

Parked vehicles will be deemed abandoned after 24 hours if it is observed unoccupied and abandoned as defined in the New York State Vehicle Traffic Law and the University Police Department confirms it has not been stolen and it is not wanted by local authorities. A warning sticker will be placed on the windshield advising the owner to remove the vehicle within 24 hours. If the vehicle is parked in violation of campus parking regulations, the owner will be issued a campus summons, which is returnable on campus. Vehicles that appear to be vandalized or damaged and/or present a hazardous condition may be immediately removed to the impound lot.

Towing and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles

If the vehicle remains parked after the 24-hour-warning-period, it will be towed to the campus impound lot. New York State Uniform Traffic Ticket(s) may be issued to the owner. The vehicle is then scheduled to be towed from the campus to the Brookhaven Town impound for disposal.

Owner Recovery of Abandoned Vehicles on Campus

Owners must present ownership documents and pay the costs of towing and any outstanding fines/storage fees at the Student Financial Services Office, located in the Stony Brook Union (after hours payments can be made at the University Police Headquarters). Release of vehicle is authorized when: receipts of payment and release authorization forms are presented to the officer at the campus impound, and all release forms are signed by the officer or other designated personnel releasing the vehicle.

Definitions:

None

Contact:

Additional information about this policy is available here:

Enterprise Risk Management

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Relevant Standards, Codes, Rules, Regulations, Statutes and Policies:

- [NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1224](#)
- [Mobility & Parking Services Website, Rules & Regulations](#)