

Special Parking and Towing Issue



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Aug. 10 Crackdown

Illegally Parked Cars To Be Towed

In the interest of greater fire safety for the Medical Center and its employees, and in a move to cut down on traffic congestion on streets throughout the Medical Center complex, a new parking regulation calling for towing of illegally parked vehicles will go into effect Aug. 10.

This means that on that date and after, any vehicle illegally parked on streets or in other areas painted yellow (the areas shaded on the map on Page 3) will be subject to being towed away by a commercial towing company at the vehicle owner's expense.

Here's the way it will work:

If a car is parked in a yellow zone, a University security officer will call a towing garage to come get the car.

Persons whose cars have been towed will be able to find out where their car is by calling the security office—Extension 2444—where a record of towing violations will be maintained.

The towing fee, which will be set by the garage, is expected to be \$10. Collection will be by the garage from the vehicle owner. The University will receive none of the towing fee.

A full-scale enforcement of all other traffic and parking regulations also will be pressed.

Fire safety is the primary reason for the renewed enforcement decision and the towing regulation.

At least twice in recent months, the Durham Fire Department has had difficulty getting its equipment close enough to the Medical Center to combat fires most effectively. Because of the size of fire-fighting equipment, it cannot be maneuvered through the relatively small driving spaces left when cars are parked in yellow zones.

Perhaps the most pointed example of this occurred on Feb. 27 when a fire was discovered in the attic of the Davison Building.

An aerial truck was required to give firemen access to the high, fifth-floor area, but valuable time was lost because employees' cars were parked in yellow, no-parking zones behind the Medical Center and the truck could not immediately get through.

The delay could have meant disaster had not a group of quick-thinking Duke maintenance men formed themselves into a fire brigade and fought the fire from

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Pay Parking Lot Opening Soon For Medical Center Employees

One of the Medical Center's parking lots is being converted to a pay, gated lot for the convenience of Medical Center personnel who want a guaranteed parking spot.

The approximately 350-space parking lot, sometimes called the ravine lot, lies behind the Bell Building and extends to Science Drive near Medical Science I. (It is the lot labeled Gate Parking on the map on Page 3.)

It will become a gated, pay lot on Aug. 10.

The gates will operate somewhat similarly to those on the Visitors' Lot, except that instead of pulling a ticket out of the machine to get the arm to raise and let the vehicle enter the lot, the driver will insert a

special plastic card into a slot on the machine to make the arm raise.

As soon as the vehicle clears the entrance, the gate arm will come down and wait for the next vehicle, and the next card.

The special gate parking cards may be purchased now by Medical Center personnel from the office of Medical Center Engineer L.T. Matthews at 0570 Clinical Research II. The telephone extension is 4004.

Permits currently are being sold for the period between now and Feb. 15 for \$20. Permits will be renewable thereafter by Feb. 15 of each year.

The Feb. 15 date was chosen to

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