

NOTICE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULAITON

DATE: July 31, 2013

No. USF4.0011 – Traffic and Moving Violations

Summary:

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.001 provides that “Each board of trustees is authorized to promulgate university regulations in accordance with the Regulation Development Procedure adopted by the Board of Governors,” (7-21-05). Such regulations must be consistent with law, and the regulations and strategic plan of the Board of Governors. The Regulation Development Procedure requires that the University Board of Trustees periodically review existing regulations to ensure they are current and consistent.

The University of South Florida Tampa campus has seen significant growth in recent years and accompanying pedestrian and traffic volume and congestion. With an emphasis on identifying and establishing a basis for more uniform limits that will promote greater safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists as well as provide for more effective and consistent traffic flow, bus services and compliance and enforcement, the University engaged the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research to conduct a professional engineering traffic study. Based upon the recommendations in the Speed Limits Report by CUTR, USF Regulation 4.001 is proposed to be amended to provide a general uniform campus-wide roadway speed limit of 25 mph unless otherwise posted for the Tampa Campus.

End of Summary.

Full text of the proposed amended Regulation follows:

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Date of Origin: 12-08-11 **Date Last Amended:** **Date Last Reviewed:**

(1) Florida Statutes Section 1006.66 requires each University Board of Trustees to adopt rules “that govern traffic on the grounds of the University; that provide penalties for the infraction of such traffic rules; and that the University finds necessary, convenient, or advisable for the safety or welfare of the students, faculty members, or other persons.” Regional campuses and separately accredited institutions may have different names and locations for parking and traffic offices and officials. This Regulation applies to the USF System unless otherwise specified in this Regulation or on the individual campus parking/traffic information website.

- USFTPA http://www.usf.edu/parking_services/
- USFSP http://www.usfsp.edu/parking_services/index.htm
- USFS-M <http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/services/Parking/>

Or at the main building:

- USFTPA 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Room PSB 101, Tampa, FL 33620
- USFSP 140 USFSP Harborwalk Ave. S, BAY 132, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(2) TRAFFIC

(a) Traffic rules, regulations and directive signs governing the use of motor vehicles are in effect 24 hours a day, all year long. Inclement weather does not bar their enforcement.

(b) The appropriate parking & transportation services office (PATS) on each campus will refer traffic violations to the appropriate official.

(c) Motorists shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within a crosswalk.

(d) The Tampa campus speed limit is 25 ~~30~~ m.p.h. unless otherwise posted. Speed limit in parking lots is 10 m.p.h. and 5 m.p.h. in parking garages. Refer to each campus' parking/traffic information website for applicable speed limits.

(e) It is unlawful to drive in the opposite direction of the normal flow of traffic.

(f) It is unlawful to remove, alter, or change any traffic control device, sign, barricade, or traffic cone. It is also unlawful to drive around barricades, traffic cones in the roadway, or parking facilities that are closed by PATS.

(3) SCOOTERS, MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES, AND MOPEDS

(a) Drivers of scooters, motorcycles, bicycles and mopeds are responsible for observing the same traffic regulations as those governing vehicles.

(b) Drivers may not drive, ride or park scooters, mopeds, or motorcycles on grass, sidewalks or in the confines of a building.

(c) It is unlawful for more than one person to ride on a vehicle at the same time, unless the vehicle is designed for and equipped with a seat for each person.

(d) Drivers may not park two-wheeled motorized vehicles in an automobile space. They are, however, allowed to park at paid meters. There are designated motorcycle spaces available.

(e) Holders of motorcycle or bicycle permits are entitled to a maximum of five (5) days, annually, of temporary parking permits for four-wheeled vehicles.

(f) All two-wheeled motor vehicles must be registered with PATS. Motorcycles cannot display automobile permits at any time. Registered owners with both an automobile and a motorcycle who wish to park both on campus must have a permit for each.

(g) Bicyclists will be ticketed for MOVING VIOLATIONS on streets or sidewalks by University Police. Bicycle Regulations are outlined in Section 316.2065, Florida Statutes. A person propelling a bicycle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, but the cyclist shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

(4) ENFORCEMENT

(a) ALL FLORIDA TRAFFIC LAWS ARE ENFORCEABLE ON CAMPUS.

(b) University Police or the appropriate Law Enforcement authority on USF System campuses are authorized to directly and immediately enforce these rules/regulations, to make arrests, and to issue moving traffic citations on campus and off campus in cases where the offenses occur or originate on campus.

(c) University Police, Parking Enforcement Specialists, the appropriate Law Enforcement authority or specially designated personnel are authorized to issue parking citations for parking and registration violations in accordance with these rules/regulations twenty-four (24) hours a day/seven (7) days a week.

See regulation **4.0010** for parking guidelines and rates.

Authority: Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001. 1006.66, 1009.24, FS; Chptr. 316 LOF, FS. History: New. 12-8-11.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT/REPEAL RULES/REGULATION(S): Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution, BOG Regulation 1.001, Section 1006.66 Florida Statutes.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING PROPOSED ADOPTION/REPEAL OF RULES/REGULATION(S): Sandy Lovins, Vice President, Administrative Services.

WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE POSTING DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO:

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