# **UNO Parking Citation Appeal Guidance**

This document is provided by UNO Parking and Transit Services as a guide for the terms and definitions around the citation appeal process. This document is not meant to represent the entire appeals process, but rather provide transparency into the terms and definitions involved. More detailed information on the entire appeals process can be found within the UNO Parking Rules and Regulations.

# **Defining Waivers vs. Appeals**

#### Waiver

- A waiver is a request for the dismissal of a parking fee/fine
  - Please use the <u>Citation Waiver Request form</u> (located on the UNO Parking and Transit Services website) if you are looking to waive your citation

#### Appeal

 An appeal is when one can present substantial evidence that an infraction was not committed

# **Descriptions For Invalid Appeals**

The following is a list of appeal reasons that **do not** constitute a valid appeal, followed by a brief description on why:

### Frivolous or Abusive Appeals

- An appeal is deemed frivolous or abusive if the appellant submits multiple frivolous appeals or submits an appeal that contains abusive language
  - The appeals process is not a venue for general criticisms, complaints, or policy debates
  - Appeals that contain threatening or abusive language will be denied, and referred to UNO's Behavioral Review Team (BRT)

### Other Vehicles Parked Improperly

- The appellant claims that other vehicles were parking improperly, which resulted in the appellant being unable to park properly
  - Other vehicles parking improperly is not a reason for parking improperly

## Only Parked Illegally for a Short Period of Time

- The appellant claims that they were only parked illegally on campus for a short period of time
  - Parking on campus illegally for any amount of time is still parking illegally

## Lack of Knowledge of Parking Regulations

 The appellant claims that they had no knowledge of UNO Parking Rules and Regulations when parking improperly  Per UNO's Parking Rules and Regulations, failure to read the UNO Parking Rules and Regulations does not remove responsibility for any citation

## • Parking enforcement did not issue a citation previously for a similar offense

- The appellant claims that they were not issued a citation previously for committing a similar offense
  - Not receiving a citation in the past is not a reason for parking improperly

## • Late to Class or Appointment

- The appellant claims that the reason for parking improperly was that they were late to a class or an appointment
  - Being late to a class/appointment is not a reason for parking improperly

## Inability to Pay the Amount of the Fine

- o The appellant claims that they are unable to pay the amount of the fine
  - Not being able to pay the amount of the fine does not remove responsibility for any citation

## Lack of Available Parking

- The appellant claims that there was no available parking in a lot/area which led them to park improperly elsewhere
  - UNO parking permits do not guarantee a place to park on campus at any time

# • No Valid Permit Purchased/Displayed

- The appellant claims that they should not have to pay for parking on campus or that they do not have a parking permit
  - Vehicles parking on campus require a valid permit or payment to park

## No Money to Pay for Parking

- The appellant claims that they do not have money to pay for a parking permit
  - Vehicles may not park on campus without a valid permit or proper payment

### • Inclement Weather Affecting Where to Park

- The appellant claims that inclement weather weather was the reason for them parking improperly
  - Inclement weather is not a reason for parking improperly

### No Current UNO Permit Was Purchased

- An appeal is deemed invalid if an appellant submits an appeal and does not have a current annual/semester parking permit
  - A current UNO parking permit is required in order to submit an appeal

### Did Not Register Vehicle to Account/Permit Prior to Parking on Campus

- The appellant claims to have registered their vehicle to their permit, when they have not and have made no attempt to add the vehicle
- Accurate plate/vehicle information registered to a permit prior to parking on campus is required
- Obtained Parking Information Outside of Parking Services

- The appellant claims to have received parking information outside of UNO Parking Services which led them to park improperly
  - All information regarding parking at UNO must be obtained from UNO Parking and Transit Services