

TOP 13 REASONS FOR APPEAL DENIAL

Below are some commonly listed excuses given for violating parking regulations and the reasons appeals based on these excuses are often denied. These excuses do not address the campus parking regulations or the traffic/motor vehicle laws of the State of Arkansas. The listed excuses generally will not result in citation dismissal.

NOTE: Most citations are supported by photographic evidence gathered by the parking enforcement team.

- 1. DID NOT KNOW PERMIT WAS NEEDED -- HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO GET PERMIT -- PERMIT FELL OFF MIRROR -- WIND BLEW PERMIT DOWN -- LEFT PERMIT IN ANOTHER VEHICLE, ETC.** The ASU parking regulations clearly state that a permit is required for parking on the ASU campus and that a permit must be displayed properly at all times. All appeals for failure to display or improper display of an ASU permit are typically denied.
- 2. LATE FOR CLASS, BUSINESS, APPOINTMENT.** Lateness does not permit the driver to violate the parking regulations of ASU.
- 3. NO OTHER PLACE TO PARK -- THE LOT WAS FULL.** It is every driver's responsibility to locate authorized parking. There are 8,200 parking spaces on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. The parking is never at full capacity during academic hours.
- 4. DID NOT SEE SIGN -- MISUNDERSTOOD SIGN.** Drivers are required to observe signs when parking. This may mean checking an entire lot from corner to corner. Drivers are also required to obey the directions on signs.
- 5. ONLY A PORTION OF VEHICLE WAS ILLEGALLY PARKED.** Citations are not based on percentages of motor vehicles. If a portion of a motor vehicle extends into a restricted area, the citation is written for the entire vehicle.
- 6. SOMEONE WAS IN THE CAR -- PARKING LIGHTS ON -- EMERGENCY LIGHTS FLASHING -- NOTE LEFT ON VEHICLE REGARDING WHEREABOUTS -- MOTOR LEFT RUNNING.** Many drivers believe that evidence of a short stay mitigates the violation. All non-moving regulations apply no matter how short the stay. Such evidence does not constitute a valid reason for citation dismissal.
- 7. ONLY PARKED A FEW MINUTES.** Same as #6.
- 8. NO CITATIONS WRITTEN ON OTHER VEHICLES FOR SAME VIOLATION.** Sometimes this reason is given claiming discriminatory enforcement. Sometimes enforcement personnel must leave an area before all vehicles are checked, among other reasons for not issuing citations to every vehicle in violation. All citations, however, stand alone.
- 9. ANOTHER PERSON HAD VEHICLE.** The regulations clearly state that registrants are responsible for use of registered vehicles and permits, even if someone else is operating the vehicle.
- 10. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL SAW VIOLATION AND DID NOT RESPOND.** Enforcement personnel may caution about illegal parking, but silence by such personnel does not waive parking regulations.
- 11. REGULATION HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED IN THE PAST.** Previous failure to enforce parking regulations is not a valid reason for violating such regulations.
- 12. EVERYBODY DOES IT -- DONE IT FOR YEARS, ETC.** ASU parking regulations make no provision for rewarding past patterns of violations whether citations were written or not.
- 13. SHORT ERRANDS.** A short errand is a very common excuse, but it is not valid for illegal parking.