

## **VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION POLICY**

**PURPOSE:** To enforce the parking policies of Nicholls State University on repeat offenders who do not follow the parking guidelines on campus. This policy will prevent violators from incurring extensive amounts of debt for outstanding fines and will allow parking issues to be cleared within a reasonable timeframe.

**POLICY:** Placing an immobilizer on a vehicle.

**FINE AMOUNTS:**    1<sup>st</sup> Offense - \$100.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$150.00    3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$200.00

A motor vehicle immobilizer may be placed on a vehicle in one or more of, but not limited to, the following situations:

1. A vehicle that does not display a current parking permit, has received a parking citation, and the operator of the vehicle has not reported to the University Police Department-Parking Services Division to identify him/herself as the person who has received the citation
2. An individual has been duly notified that he/she is barred from parking on the campus but he/she continues to park on the campus
3. A motor vehicle has been found to display an altered, defaced, duplicated, or counterfeit permit or is displaying a permit that has been reported to the University Police Department-Parking Services Division as lost or stolen or was issued to another student or employee
4. A motor vehicle does not display a current permit, does not display any license plate, and/or does not have a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that can be read
5. A motor vehicle that blocks, hinders, or obstructs a legally parked vehicle, crosswalk, sidewalk, handicapped access area, service drive, or loading zone
6. A motor vehicle that is parked in any designated handicapped parking space without an official state-issued handicapped license plate or permit with a valid NSU permit
7. A rental motor vehicle that is parked on campus and does not display a current permit
8. A motor vehicle that is being driven by a visitor to campus who has previously been advised during the current academic year of the proper parking procedures that must be adhered to while on campus, yet continues to park illegally and in disregard of the parking rules and regulations that govern campus; the visitor is subject to being banned from campus
9. Transferring parking permits to another individual or vehicle
10. A motor vehicle is parked in such a manner as to present a severe traffic hazard or has been abandoned and must be towed at the owner's expense
11. A motor vehicle on the account of an individual who has 5 or more outstanding parking fines

A motor vehicle that is immobilized will continue to receive citations for every day that it is immobilized and the individual will be responsible for all fines and fees issued to that vehicle while it is immobilized. The motor vehicle is also subject to being towed at the owner's expense if it has been immobilized for more than 48 hours and the owner/driver has not made any attempt to contact the University Police Department-Parking Services Division to identify him/herself and make arrangements to settle the fines and fees associated with the immobilization.

Any vehicle that has an immobilizing device placed on it and the owner has not reported to the University Police Department-Parking Services Division to resolve their parking issues within 5 days after the device has been placed on their vehicle will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.