

## FAQ'S

**The following is a list of commonly received questions regarding parking general information.**

Effective FY 22

### **Will I need to buy a parking permit this year?**

Yes, parking permits will be required for this year. Permits can be purchased in-person, but we encourage you to buy online to avoid the wait and to reduce in-person interaction.

To purchase you're parking permit [click here](#).

If you do not need a yearly parking permit, students have the option of purchasing semester permits, or evening permits at a reduced rate and both students and employees can use the pay stations for short-term parking.

### **Do I need to register my vehicle in order to park at the University?**

Yes, you can register your vehicle at the time of purchasing your parking permit. You can register up to two vehicles, but you must display your parking permit at all times while on campus.

### **Why do I have to pay to park?**

Parking Services is self-funded--it does not receive funding from the state or tuition. Revenue generated from permit sales and citations funds parking lot improvements and construction, campus safety, security, police services, lighting and surveillance cameras in the parking areas, circulator transit routes, and operations.

### **What is the difference between Zone 1 and Zone 2 parking permits?**

All students have the option to purchase Zone 1 or Zone 2 parking permits. This allows students to make their buying decision based on proximity and price. Semester permits are also available for students to purchase. Please see the [Parking Rate Card](#) for applicable rates.

At \$60 for a 12-month period (*averages to \$5 per month*), a Zone 1 parking permit is the most affordable option and allows students to park in remote parking lots. The [VOLT](#) vehicles make trips from and to the remote parking lots providing students with FREE rides to designated drop-off locations on the Brownsville and Edinburg campuses. Students can download the Ride Systems mobile application to see when the next bus will arrive. View the [Ride Systems app](#) for more information. If you don't mind walking, Zone 1 parking is about a 10-minute walk to the campus core on the Edinburg campus.

At \$100 for a 12-month period (*averages to about \$8 per month*), Zone 2 allows students to park in parking lots that are closer in proximity to academic buildings. Zone 2 permit holders can also park in Zone 1 areas at any time.

After 5 pm, students with a Zone 1, Zone 2 parking permit can park in Zones 1, 2 or 3 (employee parking).

### **Are there enough parking spaces for those who purchase a parking permit?**

We continuously analyze supply and demand for parking spaces, redistribute spaces across zones depending on use, and recommend additions.

The current parking industry standard ratio for permits to spaces is approximately 3:1. UTRGV's parking ratio is approximately 2:1.

### **Why hasn't UTRGV built parking garages?**

UTRGV assesses supply and demand for parking on a continual basis. While it may become a necessity in the future, there are currently plenty of underutilized parking spaces (Zone 1 specifically). Cost for construction of a parking garage, at minimum, would cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 per space. (For purpose of comparison, a surface lot costs an estimated \$3,500 per space.) Funding such a structure would cause permit prices to increase substantially (remember, we would not receive state or tuition funding to pay for the garage) and would not result in the same quantity of spaces that could be achieved with surface parking. Many Texas public universities with parking garages sell parking permits in the range of \$400-\$600.

### **Where can I purchase my parking permit?**

The UTRGV Parking Portal is available for students to purchase their permits or pay for citations online. To access the UTRGV Parking Portal, click [here](#).

Parking permits can also be purchased in person at the following Parking & Transportation Office locations:

**Brownsville Campus:** BVAQP: Building A

**Edinburg Campus:** EASFC 135

Effective Fall 2018, student parking permit purchases will be posted to your student account (along with tuition and fees). This allows for students to buy now and pay later. They can either offset the cost with financial aid or pay online in ASSIST.

### **Is there an evening parking permit?**

Yes, the evening permit is available to students taking classes only after 4PM. Evening permit holders may park in Zones 1 & 2 after 4PM and in Zone 3 after 5PM.

### **If I forget to transfer my permit from one car to another, can I still park on campus?**

A valid permit is required to park on campus at all times. For those times when you forget your permit you must obtain a temporary permit at the Parking and Transportation office. Current permit holders may obtain up to 5 free days per semester, thereafter, a dollar per day will apply. Refer to the Parking Rules and Regulations for more information about limitations.

### **What should I do if I haven't received my permit yet?**

When you ordered your permit you should have received a confirmation email. Check that email to see if the permit was erroneously sent to a different location than you intended. Thereafter, you must report the permit as lost/stolen and come to our office for issuance of another permit.