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VMI Motor Vehicle Policy

1. Purpose

This policy provides guidance to all operators of motor vehicles on the Post of Virginia Military Institute to include the requirements for registration of vehicles on Post, parking rules, and moving traffic violation instructions.

2. Authorized Vehicles on Post

All VMI employees and authorized Cadets, subject to certain restrictions outlined herein, are permitted to possess and operate motor vehicles on Post during the academic year. Due to construction projects during each academic year, some parking areas may not be fully available. The Institute discourages the operation and possession of motor vehicles on Post unless absolutely necessary.

3. Vehicle Registration

A. The VMI Police will issue a parking decal for all registered vehicles.

1. All Cadets (designated First Classmen and drilling reservists of other classes) authorized to maintain a motor vehicle on Post must register with the VMI Police. All Cadets authorized to maintain a motor vehicle will pay a required registration fee per academic year and park the motor vehicle in designated Cadet parking areas. All authorized Cadet motor vehicles will display only the current year parking decal and a hang tag issued through the Commandant's Office that authorizes parking in designated permanent Cadet parking spaces on Post and in the remote parking areas. The Commandant's Office will establish protocols for the issuance and governance of hang tags for Cadet motor vehicles which are to be operated and/or possessed in the City of Lexington, Rockbridge County, or on Post.
 - i. The Vehicle Registration Form is available on-line in Post View under First Class Parking.
 - ii. Vehicle registration forms must be submitted to the VMI Police electronically.
 - iii. Payment of the registration fee will only be accepted electronically in Post View.
 - iv. Once the form is completed and the registration fee is paid, Post Police will mail the vehicle parking decal to the Cadet's VMI Post Office box.

- v. Upon receipt of the parking decal the Commandant's Office designated Cadet in Charge of Cadet Parking will assign a parking lot and issue an appropriate hang tag for all authorized Cadet motor vehicles.
 - vi. Cadet motor vehicle registration will be effective for the academic year, until the vehicle is sold, or when the Cadet leaves the Institute. Parking decals are to be displayed in the lower left hand corner of the rear window, where possible.
- B. All employees, contractors, and vendors operating vehicles on Post on a frequent basis must register those vehicles with the VMI Police.
- 1. Vehicle registration forms must be submitted to the VMI Police. The VMI Police will issue a parking decal for all registered vehicles. The Parking Registration Form is available online at <http://www.vmi.edu/media/content-assets/documents/police/parking-registration-form.pdf> VMI employee vehicle registration will remain valid until the parking decal color changes due to administrative needs, the vehicle is sold, or the VMI employee leaves the Institute. Parking decals are to be displayed in the lower left hand corner of the rear window, where possible.
- C. If a motor vehicle is replaced or if a new license number is obtained, Cadets and employees are required to notify the Post Police within ten business days of the change; violations will be determined and handled in accordance with rules involving unregistered vehicles. Cadet vehicles are subject to Section 3(D), below. Motor vehicles operated by individuals other than Cadets that have been properly registered and provided with the appropriate identifying parking decal are permitted in designated VMI parking areas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- D. There is no guarantee of the availability of parking spaces in the designated areas. A registration fee purchases a privilege only, not a right to a space. Parking in all areas is on a first-come, first-served basis.

4. **Parking Regulations**

- A. Post parking areas are reserved for vehicles with the appropriate parking decal between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, during the academic year, including all examination and vacation periods. Areas designated for Cadet parking will be reserved for long-term, 24-hour parking. The Cadet parking areas will be limited to those areas identified by the Institute on Post and at remote locations off Post. The identified Cadet parking areas have been coordinated with local governmental bodies to protect Cadet vehicles, as well as preserve parking areas around VMI for local residents and their guests. The Institute reserves the right to change or restrict parking areas due to construction or other reasons.

- B. No person may stop, park, or permit a vehicle to stand unattended in any of the following places (without the required authority):
 - 1. A designated loading zone, unless vehicle is being loaded or unloaded.
 - 2. On a sidewalk.
 - 3. In a crosswalk.
 - 4. In a restricted area so designated by sign, yellow lines, or yellow curbs.
 - 5. Blocking an intersection.
 - 6. Within a fire lane.
 - 7. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
 - 8. Within 30 feet of a Stop sign.
 - 9. In an area designated for Handicap parking.
 - 10. In an area designated for specific permit use.
 - 11. In grass areas or other areas not designated for parking.
 - 12. In excess of the designated time limit in time-restricted spaces.

- C. All Cadets must park their vehicles in the designated Cadet parking areas. Route 11 is not an authorized parking location.

- D. All VMI employees and Cadet vehicles are prohibited from parking in the following areas between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon:
 - 1. Designated Visitor Spaces.
 - 2. Designated Post Hospital Spaces.
 - 3. Designated Service Vehicle/Delivery Spaces.

- E. Parking is not permitted at any time in the following locations:
 - 1. Letcher Avenue from Virginia Mourning Her Dead - North to Main Street.
 - 2. Letcher Avenue from Limits Gates to Mallory Hall.
 - 3. In parking areas designated for residential parking for Post quarters residents.

- F. Parking for events on the Parade Ground will be limited due to weather conditions. A decision on Parade Ground parking will be made before the event.

- G. Tailgating on the Parade Ground will be allowed prior to and following football games under the following restrictions:
 - 1. The erection of tents and tailgating will only be allowed around the perimeters of the general Parade Ground parking area. The parking attendant will direct each vehicle to a parking area;
 - 2. No alcohol is allowed on the Parade Ground;
 - 3. No tents can be erected or spaces saved prior to the opening of the Parade Ground on the day of the event. Vehicles on the Parade Ground prior to the official opening of the area for parking will be cited for obstructing traffic and towed at the owner's expense;
 - 4. No large tents or tarps (larger than 10'x10') can be erected on the Parade Ground without prior approval of the VMI Physical Plant Department. A written request must be submitted to the Deputy Director of Physical Plant one month before the

date requested. On football game days, prior permission is not needed, however the size of the tent/tarp cannot exceed the 10' x 10' dimension;

5. Cadets will not park on the Parade Ground.
6. RV parking is not permitted on Post.
7. No generators are allowed on the Parade Ground.
8. Trailer mounted grills and smokers are not allowed on the Parade Ground.
9. The Parade Ground closes at 6:00 PM except on Parents Weekend when it
10. Closes at 7:00 PM. Any vehicles remaining on the Parade Ground will be subject to towing.
11. Additional game day and tailgating information is available on-line at:
<http://www.vmi.edu/cadet-life/life-on-post/athletics/game-day/>

- H. Loading and unloading of service vehicles will be limited to those parking areas designated and marked for service vehicle parking only. Use of cones does not authorize parking in unauthorized locations.
- I. On selected high volume arrival or departure days, such as Matriculation, Old Corps return dates, etc. the bollards will be removed to permit unloading/loading in front of Barracks. The Commandant of Cadets may publish further instructions for parking around Barracks to handle these particular high-volume dates. Parking along Letcher Avenue on the Washington Arch side is not permitted as it impedes traffic.

5. **Enforcement and Penalties**

- A. The enforcement of these regulations is the responsibility of the Chief of VMI Police, with assistance from the Commandant of Cadets, Director of Physical Plant, and the Director of Construction.
- B. Violations for parking in other than those designated locations for a vehicle will result in a fine of \$20 for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will result in a fine of \$20 and the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. Failure to register a vehicle in the required time, operating an unregistered vehicle in the City of Lexington or Rockbridge County, or parking an unregistered vehicle on the VMI Post will result in a fine of \$50 and the vehicle may be towed. Violation for unauthorized parking in designated handicapped spaces will result in a fine of \$100 and the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. Parking next to a fire hydrant will carry a \$25 fine and the vehicle will be towed. Obstructing traffic will result in a \$25 fine. All other violations will result in a \$20 fine and the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense.
- C. The person under whose name a vehicle is registered is responsible for parking violations involving such vehicle, even though another person may have been operating the vehicle at the time of the violation.
- D. Lack of availability of a designated parking space is not cause for violating parking rules and regulations. Violators of these regulations will be subject to having their

vehicles towed, with the costs of towing paid by the violators. When a vehicle is towed the owner is subject to both the towing fee and the parking fine.

- E. Parking fines are financial obligations due to the Virginia Military Institute, collectible through all means available as an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Cadets must pay all fines electronically via Post View “Make a Payment.” Otherwise, payment should be either mailed or made via telephone per the following contact information:

Bursar’s Office: (540) 464-7217

Mailing Address:

Comptroller’s Office

ATTN: VMI Bursar

Virginia Military Institute

Lexington, Virginia 24450

Note: All checks must be made out to the VMI Treasurer with a copy of the ticket attached. Cadet vehicle fines will be included in the VMI billing to the Cadet registered to park the vehicle. Requests for transcripts and other certifications of attendance will not be honored until all financial obligations are satisfied. In addition, Cadets with unpaid obligations will not be permitted to register for the next semester of any academic year. VMI employees may be subject to payroll deduction for failure to pay parking/moving traffic violation fees.

- F. Operators of motor vehicles upon the VMI Post must not drive in a hazardous or careless manner. Individuals may be cited for moving vehicle violations and subject to appearance in the Combined Lexington/Rockbridge General District Court (20 South Randolph Street, Suite 200, Lexington, Virginia).

6. Appeals

- A. Any parking violator who wishes to file an appeal of a parking citation may do so by filing a written notice of appeal to the VMI Director of Auxiliary Services. The appeal form is available on the VMI Police Department website at <http://www.vmi.edu/cadet-life/health-and-safety/vmi-police/parking/>

Written appeals apply only to parking violations. No appeal will be considered until the appropriate fine has been paid.

- B. All appeals will be decided by the VMI Traffic Appeals Committee based on the written information at hand. The VMI Traffic Appeals Committee will be composed of the Director of Auxiliary Services (Chair); one faculty member (designated by the Office of the Deputy Superintendent Dean of the Faculty); one member of the VMI Police Department (designated by the Deputy Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Support); one employee from the VMI Physical Plant; one classified employee (designated by the Director of Human Resources); and the Cadet

Parking Cadet-In-Charge (CIC). The VMI Traffic Appeals Committee will meet, at a location designated by the committee chair, a minimum of two times per semester dependent on the number of appeals received. The individual making an appeal will be notified of the VMI Traffic Appeals Committee decision in writing following the committee meeting in which the appeal was considered.

Statutory Authority: Virginia Code § 23.1-1301(A)(1) and § 23.1-1301(B)(3).

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ANNEX I, First Class Vehicle Parking Policy

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VMI First Class Vehicle Parking Policy

1. Purpose

This policy provides guidance on the issuance of parking decals and hang-tags to VMI Cadets authorized to have vehicles on Post. This policy is developed as an annex to the VMI Motor Vehicle Policy and Blue Book Policies. The Office of the Commandant has primary responsibility for the issuance of the Hang Tags.

Cadets are required to have both (1) a VMI parking decal and a (2) VMI hang tag.

2. Procedure for Obtaining a VMI Parking Decal

Upon returning to Post with a motor vehicle, Cadets are required to register the vehicle with the VMI Police by following the below procedure for issuance of a parking decal.

Cadets are required to obtain a parking decal within seven (7) days from the start of classes in the fall semester.

- a. Obtain and complete the Parking Registration Form/VMI Police Registration Form on Post View under First Class Parking .
- b. Pay the required registration fee through the Post View “Make a Payment” screen.
- c. Upon completion of steps a. and b. above, the VMI Police will mail a VMI parking decal to the Cadet’s VMI Post Office Box.
- d. **Cadets will use their VMI parking decal to show proof of registration to the Cadet in Charge in order to receive a VMI hang tag.**

3. Procedure for Obtaining VMI Hang Tags (Permanent and Remote)

All Cadets will be required to display a ‘*permanent VMI hang tag*’ in a vehicle parked in one of the authorized parking spaces on Post and a ‘*remote VMI hang tag*’ in a vehicle parked in any of the designated off-Post parking spaces. Both types of *hang tags* will be issued by the Commandant’s Office through the designated Cadet in Charge.

Each Cadet room will be initially assigned one permanent on-Post parking hang tag that will be shared by the Cadets in the room. The assigned lot is denoted by the color of the VMI hang tag (Marshall Hall Lot, MLFTG Lot, Clarkson-McKenna Lot, or East Lexington Lot).

The color of the VMI hang tags will correspond with the color designation of the lots. The permanent VMI hang tag will permit any one member of the room to utilize a permanent parking space on Post in a designated lot. The permanent VMI parking hang tag is **not** interchangeable among lots.

Each Cadet with a registered vehicle will receive a VMI remote parking hang tag. A VMI hang tag must be displayed when vehicles are parked in the remote parking lots.

To obtain a VMI permanent hang tag or a VMI remote parking hang tag, follow the below procedure:

- a. Obtain and complete the VMI Hang Tag Requisition Form (See Appendix I).
- b. One Cadet from the room may present the (1) Hang Tag Requisition Form and (2) the completed Parking Registration Forms/VMI Police Registration Forms from each member of the room to the designated Cadet in Charge (e.g., a three-Cadet room will present one completed Hang Tag Requisition Form and three completed Parking Registration Forms/VMI Police Registration Forms).
- c. The Cadet in Charge will issue both the VMI permanent and VMI remote parking hang tags and keep a record.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Original Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Change/Update |

Appendix I

VMI HANG TAG REQUISITION FORM

Remote Parking Hang Tag (one per registered vehicle)

| | Room Number | Name and Initials | Serial Number of Remote Hang Tag Issued |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | | | |

On-Post Permanent Hang Tag(s) (one per Cadet room*)

*One permanent hang tag per Cadet room is issued unless otherwise approved by the First Class President or designee.

| | Room Number | Serial Number of Permanent Hang Tag | Lot Assignment |
|----------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |