Lack of space makes it impossible to accommodate everyone who would like to park a vehicle at MIT and makes it imperative that specific regulations be established and strictly enforced. Parking and traffic enforcement and supervision is carried out by the Campus Police Department and the Parking and Transportation Office, while policy and the establishing of a framework for administering a transportation and parking system for MIT is the responsibility of the Transportation and Parking Committee.

These regulations apply to all members of the MIT community and were established in order to reduce traffic congestion on campus while providing students, faculty and staff with reasonable access to buildings in which they carry out their major institute functions.

Please remember that the use of the Institute's roads and parking facilities is a privilege and not a right.

A. Motor Vehicle Registration (for MIT students)

All students who park any motor vehicle on MIT property are required to purchase a parking permit each academic year from the Parking Office. A parking violation will be issued to any student whose car or motorcycle is not so registered. Vehicles with multiple violations will be towed at owner's expense.

Further, Massachusetts law requires students to register with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts all out-of-state motor vehicles. This registration must be completed if the motor vehicle will be in Massachusetts 30 days or more in a year. This registration expires at the end of each academic year, so vehicles must be registered each September. Massachusetts levies a $50.00 fine against non-registered, out-of-state student vehicles.

B. Parking Permits

An MIT parking permit is required for any vehicle on MIT property between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. On weekends, after hours (between 5:00 pm and 7:30 am), and during employees holidays, MIT affiliated people may park their vehicles in non-gated lots without a permit. Residential areas are off limit, 24/7.

Employees should apply to the parking coordinator in their department for a parking permit. Full or part-time employees at the Institute whose vehicles are registered out-of-state, after 30 days in the aggregate, should check their legal status to assure compliance with the state and local regulations.

Students should apply for a parking permit online at: http://commuting.mit.edu. An MIT certificate is required to access the on-line enrollment web site.

Commuting students pick-up permits at the Parking and Transportation office at W20-022. During the month of September, student residents will receive their parking permits from their Graduate, Undergraduate or FSILG Parking Coordinator.

During the months of October through August, student residents pick-up permits at the Parking and Transportation office at W20-022. 

Medical: Persons requiring special parking arrangements for reasons of health or physical disability should contact the MIT Medical Department at E23-171.

Motorcycles: There is an annual fee for motorcycle parking on MIT property. Motorcycles may only be parked in designated areas and require an MIT motorcycle permit. Regular parkers may add a motorcycle as a second vehicle for the additional permit rate.

Car Pools: One car pool hang tag is provided to each car pool. The hang tag must be displayed along with a valid car pool parking permit when a car pool vehicle is parked on campus. The use of a hang tag with a parking permit is meant to insure that only one vehicle of a car pool is parked on MIT property at any time.

Occasional Parking Permits: Those with Occasional Parking Permits are required to park in gated facilities within their parking zone.

The issuance of an MIT Parking Permit does not guarantee that at any given day a parking space will be available for the permit holder at the assigned lot. On occasion, direction to an alternate location (if available) may be necessary. MIT and its employees are not responsible for fire, theft or damage to any vehicle or its contents while parked on Institute property. All parking is at the owner's risk.

C. Permit Parking Sticker Placement

Parking permit stickers, on receipt, must be permanently affixed to the inside upper back corner of the driver’s side window or the inside upper front corner of the driver’s side passenger window. On vehicles with tinted windows the parking permit should be affixed to the lower front driver’s side windshield.

Temporary permits should be affixed to the inside front or rear driver's side window. Permits not properly displayed will not be considered valid.

Parking Permits and Temporary Permits must be removed on the expiration date or when a car is sold or otherwise disposed of.

Replacement permit stickers for new vehicles may be obtained from the Parking and Transportation Office upon receipt of the previous permit sticker (or its pieces). A $10.00 fee is charged for replacement permits when the old sticker is returned, otherwise the fee is $30.00. There is no fee when request is submitted with a stolen vehicle police report.

Additional Stickers are available for those who own more than one vehicle. Only one of these vehicles is allowed on campus at a given time, including car pools.

D. Enforcement Procedures

The MIT Campus is private property and MIT reserves the right to tow vehicles off campus for any violation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Any vehicle, with or without a parking permit, parked to endanger life or property or hampering the movement of emergency vehicles.
- Any vehicle, with or without a parking permit, parked in a fire lane.
- Any vehicle, with or without a parking permit, parked to impede the movement of delivery trucks, parked on a sidewalk or blocking a trash compactor or dumpster.
- Any vehicle, with or without a parking permit, parked on MIT property that is unregistered or without license plates.
- Any area marked no parking, loading zone or reserved is enforced 24 hours a day unless otherwise marked.
- Any vehicle, with or without a parking permit, with 5 or more outstanding MIT parking violations will be towed at the owner's expense.
Parking is allowed only in marked car stalls designated by painted lines.

The speed limit on campus is 15 miles per hour.

Institute parking areas are continuously monitored and vehicles parked improperly or without a parking permit will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner’s expense.

The storage or “dead storage” of any motor vehicle is prohibited. Any vehicle parked without being moved for more than four consecutive days will be considered "stored" and may be subjected to towing at the owner’s expense.

Any vehicle without license plates parked at any time on MIT property without permission will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Penalties for Traffic Violations Are as Follows:

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Failure to return tickets or non-payment of fines may result in towing and/or loss of parking privileges. Appeals of violations must be made in writing within 30 days of the violation to the Parking and Transportation Office, W20-022. Any vehicle with five or more unpaid tickets will be placed on the tow list and towed if found illegally parked on MIT property.

Unauthorized transfer use, tampering or duplication of an MIT Parking Permit will result in the loss of all parking privileges, plus a $50.00 fine. If a vehicle is driven by another party, the responsibility for traffic and parking violations, including payment of fines, remains with the faculty, staff, or student member who registered the vehicle with the Parking and Transportation Office. Failure to return tickets or non-payment of fines may result in towing and/or loss of parking privileges, plus a $50.00 fine. If a vehicle is driven by another party, the responsibility for traffic and parking violations, including payment of fines, remains with the faculty, staff, or student member who registered the vehicle with the Parking and Transportation Office.

E. MIT Card

Students, employees and affiliates who have valid MIT parking permits to a facility with a security gate must have an MIT Card to access that facility.

MIT Cards (Student, Affiliate and Employee) may be obtained from the MIT Card Office, W20-022, ext. 3-4475, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Students or employees with valid parking permits in a lot with a parking security gate, who need access for their spouses, need to obtain an additional parking authorization form (Parking & Transportation Office, W20-022) and an appropriate MIT Card from the MIT Card Office.

F. Snow Emergencies and Street Cleaning

When heavy snowfall occurs in the Boston area, cities may declare “snow emergencies.” Any Cambridge snow emergency will be announced over local radio and TV stations and parking will be prohibited on designated emergency arteries. Permanent street signs indicate the existence of an emergency artery; many streets in the MIT area fall into this category. Information concerning snow emergencies and alternate parking locations may be obtained by calling the Campus Police Office, 253-SNOW, or Facilities Operations Center, 253-1500.

Any vehicle parked off-hours in a permit-required location, especially during a snow emergency, may be subject to towing at the owner’s expense.

The city of Cambridge periodically clears the streets in the MIT area. Signs are posted on each street with the days and times of scheduled clearing. Any car parked in the way of street cleaning apparatus is automatically towed by the City of Cambridge, at the owner’s expense.

If you have any questions or problems concerning these traffic regulations, please contact:

MIT Parking and Transportation
at Building W20-022
or call extension 8-6510
mitparking@mit.edu
http://web.mit.edu/parking

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