

# MIDLAND COLLEGE

## Parking Citation Appeal

### THE APPEAL PROCESS

- Any Midland College student requesting a parking citation appeal may do so through the Student Life Office. If you are a visitor, please sign the ticket and return to the Midland College Police Department.
- All appeals are sent to the Midland College Student Government Association Judicial Committee. The committee is comprised of two MCSGA students, chaired by the Parliamentarian of Student Government, and advised by the Student Activities Coordinator. The committee meets every Friday during the fall and spring semesters, with the exception of holidays or college functions. Summer meetings will be called when needed.
- It could take 2-3 weeks for the Judicial Committee to make a decision on the appeal and notify you of their verdict. You will be notified by mail or email according to the information provided on the appeal.
- The citation must be paid within 10 days of the date of the ticket, even if it is still under review.
- If the committee finds merit in your appeal, the fine will be removed from your account and any subsequent holds will be dropped.
- The Judicial Committee's verdict is final in all parking citation appeals.

### GENERAL REASONS WHY YOUR APPEAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- **Short errands; it was only a few minutes** – No errand, no matter how short or how important to the driver short of a bona fide medical emergency, is an acceptable excuse for illegal parking.
- **Late for business or personal appointments (including class)** – Being late does not permit the driver the privilege of parking illegally.
- **No place else to park or the lot was full** – It is the driver's responsibility to locate legal parking.
- **I didn't see the sign** – Drivers are required to look for signs when parking. This may mean checking the entire lot from corner to corner. Drivers are also required to abide by the directions on the signs.
- **Only part of my car was illegally parked** – A violation is not based on a certain percentage of the vehicle being illegally parked.
- **I left someone in my car; I left my parking lights on or blinking** – Many drivers seem to think that evidence of a short stay mitigate the offense. It does not.
- **Nobody else got a ticket** – Sometimes this excuse is raised as discriminatory enforcement. The officer may have had to leave the area before checking all vehicles; however, a parking citation stands on its own.
- **Someone else had my car** – The registered owner has joint responsibility with whoever was driving his or her car. Unless it can be shown by the registered owner that the car was driven without permission, the registered owner, renter or lessee is responsible for a parking citation.
- **A college official saw me park and didn't say anything** – Generally speaking, employees have no authority to give permission to break the law or college policy. Whenever possible, an officer will caution about illegal parking, but silence by an official does not waive parking restrictions.
- **I've done it all semester or in the past; everyone does it** – Inadequate staffing or other priorities may give rise to violations not being enforced continually. Nobody should be rewarded for getting away with prior violations.

**CITATIONS FOR NO PERMIT**

- If a student shows proof of receiving a parking permit within **three** days of getting a citation, the committee will accept your appeal. Permit number must accompany the appeal form.

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**PARKING CITATION APPEAL**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ VEHICLE LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept this as notice of my intention to appeal parking citation number \_\_\_\_\_  
which was issued on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR APPEAL**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**VERDICT OF COMMITTEE**

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Committee Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_