

TOP 10 ANSWERS TO SOME COMMON FAQs

- 1. NO, PARKING AT USC IS NOT FREE.** All faculty, staff, students, and guests of the University are required to display a valid pass or permit at all times whenever they are parked in a USC-owned lot or structure. Failure to display a valid pass/permit is BY FAR the most common offense we encounter; parking without displaying a valid pass or permit may subject your vehicle to citation, immobilization, and/or impound.
- 2. NO, YOU CAN'T EVER PARK IN "RESERVED" SPACES.** Spaces marked with signs as being "RESERVED" are reserved 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the person who paid a premium to use that exact space (or zone, in the case of carpool, loading, handicapped and/or emergency zones) at all times. They are not available for general use on weekends, football game days, during Commencement, on move-in day, "just for a minute," or "because you couldn't find another spot." Parking in a reserved space at any time, for any duration of time, without a valid permit for that specific space or area may subject your vehicle to citation, immobilization, and/or impound.
- 3. YES, YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR PERMIT PROPERLY.** All permits must be displayed properly in order to be valid. All transferrable (hanging) permits must be hung from the rearview mirror of your vehicle with the permit information facing outward. All window (sticker) permits must be completely affixed, right-side up, to the bottom corner of your windshield on the driver's side, solely by the adhesive on the permit issued. Failure to display any permit correctly, *even if the permit itself is valid*, may subject your vehicle to citation, immobilization, and/or impound.
- 4. YES, METERS ARE ALWAYS ENFORCED.** Parking meters and other pay-by-space parking areas may be enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays. Displaying a parking permit or pass at any metered space does NOT allow you to park without depositing coins or otherwise paying for time. Parking at a meter or in a pay-by-space area without purchasing time, or allowing your paid time to expire at any time, for any duration of time, may subject your vehicle to citation, immobilization, and/or impound.
- 5. YES, YOUR PERMIT IS (SOMETIMES) VALID AT BOTH CAMPUSES.** Most UPC permits are valid at HSC and vice versa, but only in specific locations and at specific times. In a VERY general sense, UPC permits are valid after 2pm and on weekends at HSC, and HSC permits are valid after 5pm and on weekends at UPC. There are MANY exceptions that need to be fully considered before you try to use your permit at the other campus – please refer to our "*Where Can I Park?*" Quick Reference Guide for complete details about where/when you are allowed to park with your permit at the other campus.
- 6. NO, YOU MAY NOT DOUBLE-PARK.** Double-parking is a violation created when, in the judgment of the Enforcement Officer observing your vehicle, he/she reasonably believes that you are infringing on the ability of a vehicle to park in an adjacent parking space. Your vehicle may be on or over the painted lines, on the driver's or passenger's side of the vehicle, and there may or may not be other vehicles present who are also in violation.
- 7. NO, YOU CAN'T PARK THERE.** "There" in this case being anywhere you know you probably shouldn't. Parking is only authorized in specific parking spaces or in designated areas. Don't ever park your vehicle in any of the following places: on mallways (e.g., Trousdale Parkway, Childs Way), in red zones, on sidewalks, blocking handicap access ramps, on any grassed area, in front of hydrants, in fire lanes, in loading zones without a vendor permit, etc. Parking where you know you probably shouldn't may subject your vehicle to citation, immobilization, and/or impound.
- 8. YES, YOU NEED TO CANCEL YOUR PERMIT IF YOU'RE GRADUATING EARLY.** Students who plan to graduate in December MUST cancel their permits by returning them to us. Student permits renew automatically from Fall to Spring – if you don't tell us that you're not coming back, we have no way of knowing that you're not going to be here, so we'll keep your permit active in our system. If you subsequently return it after the semester begins, we cannot issue you a full refund; you will only be eligible for a prorated refund based on the permit return date. No Spring refunds of any amount are available after Commencement.
- 9. NO, WE DO NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR YOUR VEHICLE.** Any vehicle parked, operated, or driven on campus shall be solely at the risk of the owner/operator. USC assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any damage to or theft from any vehicle parked at or driven onto any USC-owned campuses or facilities. Acceptance of parking privileges (by purchasing a permit or pass or entering our facilities) constitutes owner/operator agreement to hold USC blameless for any loss or damage to your vehicle, its attachments, accessories or contents as a result of fire, theft, vandalism, collision, or any other cause.
- 10. YES, YOU SHOULD ASK MORE QUESTIONS!** This is an extremely short, incomplete list of answers to some frequently-asked questions – if you still have questions about any of our rules and regulations, you should first review our Rules and Regulations handbook (available on our website at www.usc.edu/parking). If you still have questions, PLEASE ASK by visiting us in person at the McCarthy Structure (@ UPC) or the KAM building (@ HSC), by calling 213-740-3575, or by emailing auxtpad@usc.edu.