

# Parking Appeals

## Unacceptable Extenuating Circumstances

The following are situations that are typically not accepted as valid extenuating circumstances for parking in violation of Winona State University Parking regulations.

**An appeal based on how long you were parked in violation.** Parking Officers will issue a citation to any vehicle parked in violation for any period of time. An appeal that states that the vehicle was only parked for two minutes, five minutes, etc. is not considered valid.

**An appeal based on your need to get to class/work/an appointment on time.** It typically requires a few minutes to locate a parking space within the campus. It is suggested that customers plan their schedules such that there is sufficient time to find and park in a legal space.

**An appeal based on lack of a parking space near your destination.** Parking spaces are very competitive, and the campus parking system doesn't guarantee a space in a specific lot. Customers must park in a legal space in a lot valid for their permit.

**An appeal based on the assertion that class wasn't in session.** Parking regulations are enforced throughout the entire calendar year and are not directly associated with the class schedule. Check the hours of regulation information on the WSU Parking web page. Hours of regulation are also posted at the entrance to each legitimate parking area.

**An appeal based on your need to load or unload.** With the exception of several loading zones, all loading/unloading requires display of a permit, available from Parking Services at no cost. Any vehicle that does not receive prior authorization from Parking Services and display a permit is in violation of parking regulations. Approval cannot be granted after the fact for loading/unloading.

**An appeal based on the assertion that he/she did not see the sign or line markings.** It is the driver's responsibility to note and comply with all posted signage, notices, yellow curb and line markings.

**An appeal based on ample spaces available to others.**

**An appeal from a guest/visitor stating that he/she was not aware of the parking regulations.** It is well publicized that students and staff are responsible for obtaining a valid short term parking permit from Parking Services for their guests. The campus associated individual should ensure that their guest does not experience a parking problem.

**An appeal based on the assertion that a meter was not operable.** A meter that is not operating is not considered a valid parking space. A customer should move to another space with a working meter. Alternatively, the customer may stay in that space if he/she calls Parking Services immediately with the meter number and their license plate. Parking Services will clear the vehicle for a short time. Holders of permits are not allowed to use parking meters unless money is deposited.

**An appeal based on a vehicle malfunction.** Customers who experience a vehicle malfunction and cannot move their vehicle (for example out of a lot that prohibits overnight parking) should make arrangements with a service station to either repair or tow their vehicle. Short term authorization to remain parked may be received from either Parking Services (M – F during the day) or WSU Security during the evening or on weekends.

**An appeal based on the use of four-way hazard flashers.** Use of four-way flashers does not allow you to park illegally for any period of time.

**An appeal based on a violation occurring during evening or weekend hours.** Although the requirement to display a permit or payment of a meter is suspended during some evening and weekend hours, all parking restrictions and prohibitions are enforced 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

**An appeal based on never having received a ticket before.**