WAC 478-118-410 Fines and impounding. (1) The current schedule of fines shall be published by the university and made available for review in the safety and security office.

(2) All fines must be paid as designated on the citation within twenty calendar days from the date of the citation. Fines must be paid or postmarked on or before the due date specified in these rules to avoid additional penalties. If any citation has neither been paid nor appealed after twenty calendar days from the date of the citation, the university shall impose an additional fine of ten dollars per offense and may:

(a) Withhold the violator's degrees, transcripts, grades, refunds, or credits until all fines are paid;

(b) Delay registration for the following quarter;

(c) Impound the violator's vehicle;

(d) Deny future parking privileges to the violator; or

(e) Refuse to issue keys to a violator who is an employee or student.

(3) In addition to imposing fines, public safety officers may impound or immobilize any vehicle parked on campus in violation of these rules. The expenses of impounding, immobilization, and storage shall be charged to the owner or operator, or both, of the vehicle and must be paid before the vehicle's release. Grounds for impounding or immobilizing vehicles shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Blocking a roadway so as to impede the flow of traffic;

(b) Blocking a walkway so as to impede the flow of pedestrian traffic;

(c) Blocking a fire hydrant or fire lane;

(d) Creating a safety hazard;

(e) Blocking another legally parked vehicle;

(f) Parking in a marked "tow-away" zone;

(g) Leaving a vehicle unattended on campus for longer than two days;

(h) Failing to pay a fine imposed under this chapter;

(i) Vehicle with three or more fines in late or collection status; or

(j) Parking a nonuniversity vehicle in a spot reserved for university use.

Not more than twenty-four hours after impoundment of any vehicle (excluding bicycles and skateboards), the university shall mail a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle and to any other person who claims the right to possession of the vehicle, if those persons can be identified. The university shall not be liable for loss or damage of any kind resulting from impounding, immobilization, or storage. Impounding a vehicle does not remove the obligation for any fines associated with the violation.

(4) An accumulation of traffic violations by a student may be cause for discipline under the student conduct code of the university.

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