

Colorado State University Traffic Regulations

Colorado State University Police Department (CSU PD) moving violations have been approved by the Colorado State Board of Governors and are in accordance with the authority of [CRS 23-5-108](#).

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Since traffic violations are the primary cause of many serious injury accidents, it is beneficial to both the university and the community to address traffic violations. The high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on and around the university makes traffic enforcement essential to reduce accidents, prevent injuries, and decrease property loss.

One way the CSU PD promotes public safety is through education and enforcement of the traffic code. The enforcement of state traffic laws and municipal ordinances on university property is another tool that enables CSU PD to better serve the community.

All motorized vehicles that operate on Colorado state roadways must be properly licensed and operated by a driver possessing a valid driver's license that is accepted in the state of Colorado. Police officers employed by the CSU PD may use discretion in determining whether a University Notice of Violation summons or a Municipal or County traffic summons will be issued. If a University Notice of Violation is issued to a violator on the Colorado State University campus, it will not result in points on the operator's driver's license, nor will the violation be reflected on the operator's permanent driving record. Issuance of a Municipal or County traffic summons may result in both.

The University Notice of Violation provides officers with an alternative method to educate drivers on the Colorado State University campus and enforce traffic violations less punitively. Once a citation has been issued, the fine will double if it has not been paid or appealed as provided for in these regulations within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of issuance on the Notice of Violation. Please do not ignore moving violations received while driving on campus. Delinquent citations can result in additional fines, a hold being placed on your transcripts, and your obligation being referred to state collections.

All officially designated roadway areas are posted. The posted signs regulate the speed, direction of travel and overall movement of motor vehicles while on the campus of Colorado State University. All regulations apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park, and to every other public way or public place or public parking area while operating on any property owned or leased by Colorado State University, the use which the university has jurisdiction and authority to regulate.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions supplement those described in the Fort Collins City Traffic Ordinances, which also apply to the Colorado State University regulations.

Bicycle

Every device propelled solely by human power upon which a person can ride. This includes tricycles, recumbent, unicycles, and tandems.

Campus

All property owned and/or under the control of Colorado State University.

Color Code

Paint on the street or curbing used as a traffic control device:

Red - No parking, stopping, or standing

Yellow - No parking, except when authorized by posted signs

White - Parking permitted

Emergency Vehicle

Ambulance, fire, or police vehicles only.

Motor Vehicle

Any vehicle that is self-propelled. (No distinction is made among federal, state, and privately-owned vehicles.)

Motorcycle

A motor vehicle designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except tractors. Includes all motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and motorized bicycles.

Notice of Moving Violation

A citation issued by a uniformed Colorado State University police officer for a moving violation or other infraction of the Fort Collins City Traffic Ordinances or the State of Colorado Traffic Code, which is disposed of by the university and not the city of Fort Collins.

Parking

Leaving a vehicle standing, whether occupied or not, whether running or not.

Parking Summons

A citation issued by an authorized employee of the University for a violation of the University Parking Regulations which is disposed of by the [University Parking Services](#).

Semester Break

Days between the end of one semester and start of the next semester.

Service Vehicles

Vehicle used by CSU Facilities that are actively engaged in service or maintenance of the buildings and grounds, or vehicles owned or operated by commercial establishments actively engaged in servicing the campus.

TEEP

Traffic Education and Enforcement Program.

Traffic Ticket or Court Summons

A citation issued by a uniformed police officer for a moving violation or other infraction of the Fort Collins City Traffic Ordinances which is disposed of by the city and not by the university.

University Holidays

Those days officially declared holidays by the university during which all offices are closed.

University Working Days

Refers to all days the university is open (e.g., all days *except* Saturdays, Sundays, and university designated holidays.)

III. REGULATION OF MOVING VEHICLES

Application of City and State Codes

All applicable Fort Collins municipal and Colorado State traffic laws pertaining to the regulation, control, and enforcement of moving vehicular traffic are enforced on campus streets at all times.

Speed Limits

Campus speed limits are 20 MPH on streets and 10 MPH in parking lots.

Driving on Sidewalks

Driving on sidewalks, bike paths, or service drives are prohibited except by service vehicles on official university business driving in a manner that would not endanger bicycle or pedestrian traffic. Motorized vehicles are not authorized on fields and grounds of the university not primarily designated as routes of normal travel for motorized traffic unless prior authorization is obtained from the Colorado State University Police Department.

Traffic Control Devices

Every person operating a motor vehicle on university property must obey all parking and traffic control signs and lights.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Responsibility for Violation

The person who is in control of the vehicle at the time of the moving violation will be held responsible for any violation of these regulations in which the operation of a motor vehicle is involved. In 'control' means the person driving the motor vehicle at the time of violation, or any person in physical control of a motor vehicle at the time of violation.

Construction Sites

Any violation that occurs while passing through a posted construction site will acquire additional fines.

V. APPEAL PROCEDURE

Appeals are heard by the University Appeals Board made up of staff and students from CSU not affiliated with CSU PD. The Appeals Board decision constitutes the final disposition of the appeal within the university and is binding on Colorado State University, the Colorado State University Police Department, and the appellant.

Moving violation information must be obtained from the Colorado State University Police Department. Incorrect information received from any other source is not considered a valid defense of moving violations. Frivolous traffic citation appeals are discouraged. Moving violation appeals are not granted for frustration or anger over receiving a citation, lack of knowledge of the traffic laws of Colorado, forgetfulness, tardiness to class, or the inability to recognize the authority of the Colorado State University Police Department.

Please refer to the State of Colorado driver handbook for additional information about Colorado Traffic Laws.

Persons who wish to appeal a Moving Violation Citation must initiate a written appeal within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the traffic citation. Failure to pay or appeal a university Moving Violation Citation by the end of the fourteenth (14) calendar day from the date of issuance will result in doubling of the violation fine and forfeiture of the appeal right.

Written appeals are available to persons wishing to contest a Moving Violation Citation. Written appeal forms are available at the Colorado State University Police Department, located in Green Hall, 750 South Meridian Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80523. All appeals must indicate the citation number(s) for the violation(s) being appealed and provide the appellant's arguments for dismissal of the traffic citation. The burden of proof in the appeal rests with the appellant. If the appeal is denied and the citation upheld, the appeal board will assess an additional \$15 hearing fee.

Denial of an appeal makes the designated fine due and payable by the designated deadline. Any unalleviated fines not paid by the deadline will be declared delinquent and elevate as follows (unless the fine has already increased under the provisions of Fines and Definitions Section III): \$30 to \$60; \$40 to \$80; \$70 to \$140. Delinquent violations are then sent to Accounts Receivable for collection.

VI. FINES

Failure to obey traffic control device	\$70.00	Unsafe Backing	\$40.00
Speeding 5 to 9 over the posted limit	\$40.00	Careless Driving	\$70.00
Speeding 10 to 19 over the posted limit	\$70.00	Unsafe Vehicle	\$30.00
Speeding 20 to 25 over the posted limit	\$100.00	Improper Turn	\$70.00
Driving on lawn, sidewalk or bike path	\$70.00	Failure to yield	\$70.00
Wrong way on a one way street	\$70.00	Failure to use turn signal	\$30.00
Other (Specify)	\$70.00	Driving too fast for conditions	\$70.00

VII. Payment

You have 14 Calendar days from the date the ticket was issued to pay the violation fine. The fine can be paid in person, by mail or have it billed to your student account. If paying by mail, send check or money order only. Do not send cash. We will not accept ticket payment in loose coins. You can also come to the TBEEP office and pay your ticket in person with cash, check, credit (not Discover), or with your student account. Failure to pay the ticket will result in the fine doubling. Delinquent faculty and staff fines will be deducted from an employee's paycheck. Delinquent student fines will be sent to Accounts Receivable for collection.

VIII. DIVISIBILITY

Should any section, article, or paragraph of these regulations be declared unconstitutional or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these regulations shall remain in effect. Under such circumstances, the President of Colorado State University or his duly delegated agent shall have the authority to establish a new section, article, or paragraph for that which has been declared void or unconstitutional, without prior submission to the State Board of Governors in order to give full force and effect to the intent and purpose of these regulations. Any new section, article, or paragraph shall be submitted to the State Board of Governors for ratification as soon thereafter as is practical.

IX. APPLICATION OF CITY ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS TO THE CAMPUS

All appropriate provisions of the state of Colorado traffic laws and of the Fort Collins City Traffic Ordinances are applicable on the Colorado State University campus. Please refer to the State of Colorado driver handbook for additional information about Colorado Traffic Laws or visit the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles. Court summonses, including municipal citations, are deposited at the Larimer County Justice Center, 201 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521.