

Booting Resumes on March 16th



For the past year, booting or wheel locking of vehicles on campus was removed due to an interpretation of the law. Unfortunately, many individuals felt that because the wheel locking policy was not in place that they could park anywhere on campus with no repercussions. Due to “no booting” over the course of the past 12 months, many individuals including students, have accumulated numerous parking violations. Effective March 16, 2009, University Parking and Transportation Services will commence booting vehicles with 4 or more unpaid tickets. Todd Lot however, is a lot for Admissions, and is an automatic wheel lock if parked illegally in this lot whether or not an individual has accumulated 4 or more unpaid tickets. Booting or wheel-locking, has been a behavior modification mechanism, along with citations, for numerous years at the University of Rochester. Vehicles with 4 or more tickets are booted to encourage payment of tickets in a timely manner and provide an incentive for parkers to park legally. This system is now being re-instated due to many recurring parking violations in the past year.

Although it is highly debated, many students have now agreed that it is necessary to re-instate booting in order to maintain the control required to provide parking spaces for those paying for the service and to eliminate the possibility of accumulating an astronomical amount of tickets. Booting is not being reinstated for monetary purposes but more for regulating parking spots. Due to out of place parking many individuals are unable to find a spot in their designated lots. The wheel locking will be a way to insure proper parking in designated areas.

Once you receive a citation, the Parking Office asks that you please visit them to pay it at your earliest convenience, as multiple ticket fees can become excessive and your vehicle may become at risk for booting. The fees can all be taken care of at the Parking office located at 109 Fauver during business hours (7:45am-4:30pm). The parking office accepts multiple forms of payment and other payment arrangements, such as promissory notes, can also be made.

Now with the booting being reinforced when a parker has a history of repeat violations, fails to make payment on a promissory note, alters a permit, or accumulates 4 unpaid violations, their vehicle may be wheel-locked and/or towed, even if the vehicle is legally parked. If this happens to your vehicle, a locking device is placed on the wheel of the

vehicle, preventing the vehicle from being moved. Vehicle immobilization (booting or wheel-locking) is an alternative to towing. This procedure is used as a last resort, and could result in revocation of parking privileges after consistent violations and failure to comply with parking regulations. After a vehicle is locked, the parker has until the close of business to respond to the wheel-lock or the vehicle may be towed within the next 24 hours. Vehicles presenting an immediate public safety hazard, such as fire lanes, or are inoperable or unlicensed will be towed off-site. The parker is then responsible for the parking violations, wheel-lock fee, towing and any applicable storage fees. Tampering with a wheel-lock will result in towing and additional fees, it is strongly encouraged to not touch the wheel lock to avoid any additional penalties. Cash or credit card (Visa, Discover or Mastercard) is only accepted for these fees. Checks are not accepted.

The Parking office is more than happy to assist everyone with resolving their outstanding citations and avoiding the risk of booting. Please contact the RC Parking office at 275-3983 for more information.