

GENERAL REASONS THAT CITATIONS WON'T BE DISMISSED:

SHORT ERRANDS

No errand, no matter how short or how important to the driver short of a bona fide medical emergency, is an acceptable excuse for illegal parking. A short errand is a very common excuse. It is not a valid reason for illegal parking.

LATE FOR BUSINESS OR PERSONAL APPOINTMENT

Being late does not permit the driver the privilege of parking illegally.

NO PLACE ELSE TO PARK – THE LOT WAS FULL

Other than being an invalid excuse, this, in fact, confirms the driver's liability. It is driver's responsibility to locate legal parking.

I DIDN'T SEE THE SIGN – I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGN

Drivers are required to look for signs when parking. This may mean checking an entire lot from corner to corner. Drivers are also required to abide by the directions on the signs. A person indicating that they did not see a sign preventing parking is not an acceptable excuse.

ONLY PART OF MY CAR WAS ILLEGALLY PARKED

A violation is not based on a certain percentage of the vehicle being illegally parked. If part of the vehicle extends into a restricted area, the violation is the same as if the entire vehicle encroached.

I LEFT SOMEONE IN THE CAR; I LEFT MY PARKING LIGHTS ON OR BLINKING; I LEFT A NOTE IN THE CAR AS TO MY WHEREABOUTS WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING

Many drivers seem to think that evidence of a short stay mitigates the offense. It does not. The purpose of parking regulations is to restrict from certain places or permitted at times, motor vehicles, which are not in motion. The presence of a passenger, a sign or blinking lights does not satisfy this purpose and, therefore, does not constitute a valid reason to dismiss a violation.

IT WAS ONLY A FEW MINUTES

This explanation is one of the most common claims. Even if true, parking in a prohibited area is still a violation.

NOBODY ELSE GOT A TICKET

Sometimes this excuse is raised as discriminatory enforcement. The officer may have had to leave the area before checking all the vehicles, however, a parking citation stands on its own.

SOMEONE ELSE HAD MY CAR

The registered owner has joint responsibility with whoever was driving his or her car. Unless it can be shown by the registered owner that the car was driven without permission, the registered owner, renter or lessee is responsible for a parking citation.

A UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL SAW ME PARK AND DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING – OR SAID IT WAS OK FOR A FEW MINUTES

Generally speaking, employees have no authority to give permission to break the law or University policy. Whenever possible, an officer will caution about illegal parking, but silence by an official does not waive parking restrictions.

THIS VIOLATION HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED IN THE PAST

This normally is not the case, however, inadequate staffing or other priorities may give rise to violations not being enforced continually; but, nowhere does apparent failure to enforce parking laws constitute a valid excuse for illegal parking.

I'VE DONE IT FOR YEARS – EVERYBODY DOES IT

This is never a valid excuse for illegally parking. Nobody should be rewarded for getting away with prior violations.

I DIDN'T SEE THE VIOLATION ON MY CAR

This does not excuse you from the violation. Your car was parked illegally and does not excuse you for breaking the rules.

JACKSONVILLE

U N I V E R S I T Y

Parking Citation Appeal Form

Notice: All persons receiving a citation have a right to appeal within fifteen (15) days from the date of the citation. To file an appeal, complete this form and attach a copy of the citation. Appellant must have a current decal when the ticket was received.

Important: Complete information must be provided for an accurate and timely appeal. The address used, must be the address you want the appeal mailed to.

Date of Citation:

Date of Appeal:

Name

JU Permit #

Street Address

Permit Type: (S, N, E, C)

City, State, Zip

Citation #

Employee or

Student ID#

Telephone

Person Accepting Appeal

Reason for Appeal: Provide specific and verifiable facts, including diagrams, which substantiates your appeal and attach copies of any repair slips, medical info, etc . . .

*** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE ***

Officer's statement of facts surrounding the issuance of the citation:

*** DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE ***

After reviewing this appeal, the review committee has rendered the following decision:

Citation Upheld - Amount Due:

Citation and Fine Dismissed:

Warning Given: