Parking Policy at the Morningside Heights Campus

Effective Date: February 1, 2009

Policy Statement
The parking policy sets forth eligibility and allocation guidelines for faculty, staff, students, affiliates, and visitors for the 24-hour and commuter parking spaces managed by the University at the Morningside Heights campus. The policy also addresses application and payment issues.

Reason for the Policy
The demand for the University’s parking facilities greatly exceeds its supply. Eligibility and allocation policies are designed to maximize the use of this limited resource for the benefit of the University.

Primary Guidance to Which This Policy Responds
There is not a primary policy to which this policy responds. It is independent of other policies of the University. It is consistent with allocating scarce resources in accordance with academic priorities.

Responsible University Office & Officer
The University Parking Committee is responsible for establishing this policy. The Parking Department of Columbia University Facilities is responsible for day-to-day operations of Morningside Heights parking facilities and administering the policy. The Chair of the Parking Committee is the Responsible University Officer. Decisions of the University Parking Committee may, upon request, be appealed to the Executive Vice President for Columbia University Facilities for final determination.

The primary contact for policy issues is Karen Fry, Assistant Vice President for Columbia University Facilities.

Revision History
This policy was established on March 15, 2002 and amended on June 13, 2005, May 18, 2006 and January 16, 2009. The policy was updated on February 1, 2009.

Who is Governed by This Policy
All faculty, staff, affiliates, students, and visitors of and to the University who want to park in a University managed facility.

Who Should Know This Policy
Senior executive officers, deans, vice presidents, chairs of departments, directors of institutes and centers, senior administrative officers, departmental administrators, and persons applying for parking.

Exclusions & Special Situations
The policy addresses exclusions and special situations.
Policy Text

**Commuter and 24-Hour Parking Eligibility and Allocation Policy**

The University Parking Committee has adopted the following eligibility and allocation policy for the assignment and retention of 24-hour and commuter parking spaces at the Morningside Heights campus and 3260 Henry Hudson Parkway (“The Arbor”). Columbia University Facilities is responsible for the administration of the policy, and for implementation of the decisions of the Parking Committee pursuant to the policy. Decisions of the University Parking Committee may, upon request, be appealed to the Executive Vice President for Columbia University Facilities for final determination.

A. **Eligibility Policies – General**

1. Active full-time Columbia faculty members, professional officers of research as defined by the *Faculty Handbook*, professional librarians and officers of administration in grades 14 and above on the Morningside Heights Campus, or grades 106 and above on the Medical Center Campus, are eligible for 24-hour and commuter parking privileges in the University’s Morningside Heights parking facilities.

   All residents of the Arbor, including post-doctoral officers of research and graduate students, are eligible for parking in that facility.

2. Officers not otherwise eligible for parking pursuant to this Policy may be eligible for commuter or 24-hour parking if they are registered with the appropriate Disability Services office and recommended for parking as a disability related accommodation by that office in accordance with University policy governing disability related accommodations.

3. Members of other Morningside institutions are not eligible for University parking, with the exception of certain faculty at Barnard College as described under “Eligibility Policy - 24 Hour Parking.”

4. Parkers who cease to meet the eligibility requirements described herein will not be allowed to retain their parking space(s).

5. Individual faculty/staff parkers may not simultaneously lease both a commuter and a 24-hour parking space on the Morningside Heights campus, except where both spaces are necessary to accommodate an eligible individual with a disability as recommended by the appropriate Disability Services office.

6. The eligibility policies apply prospectively, effective upon issuance. Current
parkers as of the date of issuance who would not qualify under the rules may retain their University parking space(s.) assuming all other eligibility criteria are met.

7. Departments may request parking for attendees of special events, seminars, and daily visitors. Approval of requests is subject to availability and the department will be charged for use of the facilities.

8. During June, July and August, there is a temporary increase in availability of parking spaces for which full-time faculty and staff may apply and which will be subject to the allocation policy.

B. Eligibility Policy – 24 Hour Parking

1. 24-hour parking applicants whose primary residence is in reasonable proximity to the Morningside campus are eligible for Morningside parking. Reasonable proximity is defined as north of West 96th Street to West 145th Street from Central Park West (or its equivalent) to Riverside Drive. Applicants in leased University housing in Manhattan that is outside the area defined above are also considered eligible if they meet the other eligibility requirements for parking described in this statement.

24-hour parking applicants whose primary residence is The Arbor are eligible for parking in that facility.

2. Active full-time Barnard faculty members residing in University housing are eligible for 24-hour parking as long as they remain in University housing. Barnard faculty who do not reside in University housing are not eligible for parking.

3. Individuals, who retire from an active position with the University and continue to live in reasonable proximity to the Morningside Heights campus, as defined above, may retain 24-hour parking space in Morningside facilities as retirees. Retirees, who did not previously have a 24-hour parking space in those facilities, are not eligible for 24-hour parking.

Individuals who park in The Arbor may retain those privileges after retirement. Subject to the availability of space, other individuals who move into The Arbor after retirement are eligible for 24-hour parking in that facility.

4. Surviving spouses or same sex domestic partners, as recognized by Human Resources, of University officers with 24-hour parking in a Morningside facility who continue to live in reasonable proximity to the Morningside Heights campus, as defined above, may retain the officer’s space. Surviving spouses of officers
who did not have a 24-hour parking space are not eligible for 24-hour parking in a Morningside facility.

Surviving spouses or same sex domestic partners, as recognized by Human Resources, of University officers with 24-hour parking in The Arbor may retain the officer’s space in that facility. Subject to the availability of space, other surviving spouses or same sex domestic Partners who moved into The Arbor after the death of the officer are eligible for 24-hour parking in that facility.

5. Eligible parkers are limited to one 24-hour parking space per household.

C. Eligibility Policy – Commuter Parking

1. Commuter parking applicants must reside outside the borough of Manhattan

2. Adjunct Columbia faculty members who reside outside the borough of Manhattan are eligible for commuter parking on the days they teach.

3. Current students with a valid Columbia University ID who reside outside the borough of Manhattan are eligible for commuter parking from Monday through Friday between 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and on Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. by application on a space available basis.

4. Retired full-time faculty are eligible for commuter parking on the days they teach or if they are engaged in sponsored research.

5. Car poolers must live in the same general location and commute together to and from the University on a regular basis or based on a teaching schedule.

D. Allocation Policies

Upon approval by the Parking Committee, faculty members will be assigned parking based on the following guidelines:

1. Eligible faculty of a professorial rank will receive first priority for parking spaces in the Morningside facilities: (a) by tenure status; (b) by rank including those appointed in a visiting rank and (c) based on special considerations relating to the efforts of deans to recruit and retain the most qualified senior faculty. Officers of instruction with a non-professorial title, officers of research, professional librarians and administrative officers will receive second priority: (a) by rank; and (b) based on special considerations relating to the efforts of deans and vice presidents to recruit the most qualified staff, and to the extent spaces are available after faculty have been accommodated.
2. Assignments to the 560 Riverside Drive Garage, subject to availability, will be made in the following order: (a) tenured faculty; (b) non-tenured faculty living in 560 Riverside Drive; (c) other eligible non-tenured faculty of a professorial rank; (d) other 560 Riverside Drive residents except students; (e) eligible non-professorial faculty and officers of the library; and (f) all other eligible officers. In making assignments in the Arbor Garage first priority is given to officers following the order as described in Section D. 1. The priority given to retired officers and their surviving spouses or same sex domestic partners who move into The Arbor is determined by the status of the officer prior to retirement. Students and post-doctoral officers of research who live in The Arbor may be assigned spaces in its garage after all other residents are accommodated. Student and post-doctoral officers of research parking assignments expire August 31st of each year.

3. Time on the waiting list will not be considered in the initial assignment of parking.

4. Requests by University faculty and other officers who have been previously approved for 24-hour parking to transfer to a different University 24-hour parking facility shall be approved by the Parking Committee, subject to availability, in the order listed based on the following guidelines:

   a. Tenured faculty in the order of the date of receipt of the transfer request.
   b. Non-tenured faculty who are residents of 560 Riverside Drive seeking to transfer into the parking facility at that location
   c. Transfer requests from other eligible non-tenured faculty of a professorial rank in order determined by the Parking Committee based on the recommendation(s) of Deans or Vice Presidents.
   d. Other eligible parkers who are residents of 560 Riverside Drive seeking to transfer into the parking facility at that location.
   e. Non-professorial faculty and officers of the libraries in order determined by the Parking Committee based on the recommendation(s) of Deans or Vice Presidents.
   f. All other eligible officers in order determined by the Parking Committee based on the recommendation(s) of Deans or Vice Presidents.

E. Other Policies

1. Parkers are required to present proof of a valid, current vehicle registration issued to the employee, his/her spouse, or his/her same sex domestic partner as recognized by Human Resources. Registrations will be checked for compliance on an annual basis. All information provided for this purpose will be maintained confidentially by the Parking Department solely for confirming compliance with the University’s Parking Policy.
2. Parkers are responsible for the monthly fee for their parking space 12 months a year unless they are subletting to another eligible officer who has been approved by Columbia University Facilities.

3. Parkers on an approved University leave retain their rights to their space. If such parkers vacate their space during their leave, they may begin parking upon notification to the Parking Department upon their return. The University may elect to re-lease the space to another eligible officer selected by the Parking Committee for the period during which the primary tenant is not parking.

4. Parkers may not sublet their space without approval of the Parking Department of Columbia University Facilities.

5. Parkers are required to agree to pay all monthly parking charges via payroll deduction, except in the case of a short-term, temporary assignment of a space, in which case the full cost for the agreed period must be paid prior to occupancy.

6. A deposit is required for each facility in which a space is leased.

7. Overnight parking is not allowed in commuter garages. Commuter parkers who may occasionally need to park overnight for University business may contact the Parking Department to arrange parking at the daily rate in a 24-hour facility.

Responsibilities
The University Parking Committee is responsible for establishing the University’s parking policy for the Morningside Heights campus.

The Responsible Officer is responsible for implementing the parking policy.

Definitions
No special terms are used in the policy.

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Cross References to Related Policies

1. Human Resources definitions and policies are followed with respect to job titles, full v. part time, and same sex domestic partners.
2. Human Resources benefit policy states that University commuter parkers are already paying for parking through a pre-tax deduction and should not sign up for the T/PRP parking account.
3. Office of Disability Services
4. Medical Center parking policy

Web Address for Policy

http://facilities.columbia.edu/

Forms, rates, the location of parking facilities at the Morningside campus and other related documents may be found on the Facilities Web Site.

Appendix

Procedures

1. Application Procedures: Applications can be obtained online or by calling 212-854-9455. Applications forms should be completed and submitted with the required documentation as specified on the application form. Parkers are required to present proof of a valid, current vehicle registration issued to the employee, his/her spouse, or his/her same sex domestic partner as recognized by Human Resources. Registrations will be checked for compliance on an biannual basis.

2. The Parking Committee generally meets on the second Monday of every month. Applicants assigned parking spaces are notified within three business days. Applicants not assigned spaces are placed on a wait list until space is available and are considered at the next Parking Committee meeting.

3. Garage access: Stickers will be issued for University-owned garages.

4. Payment: Parkers pay charges via payroll deduction. A refundable parking deposit is required and is refunded upon vacancy notification. Adjunct faculty, students, and summer parkers must pay the parking fee in full prior to parking.

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