

**Student Senate** 

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## STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1111

**TITLE:** Resolution Petitioning for a Lower Base Price and Easier Appeal Process for Parking Citations

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**SPONSOR(S):** 

WHEREAS, Parking can be limited on the University of Florida campus, which sometimes forces students to park in a way that could result in a citation [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Parking and Transportation Services (TAPS) base parking citation price is \$35; and,

WHEREAS, according to 2017 data, UF TAPS hands out around 59,000 parking citations each year and grossed over \$1.5 million from parking revenue alone in the 2016-2017 school year [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the \$35 base parking citation price may place an undue financial burden on students and staff, especially for minor infractions; and,

WHEREAS, a \$10 base parking citation price would be more reasonable for initial violations; and,

WHEREAS, a price of \$35 for all subsequent parking citations would ensure that students do not continue to park in a way that would merit a citation; then,

WHEREAS, the UF TAPS citation appellate and notification process is outdated and unnecessarily non-intuitive for students; and,

WHEREAS, in order to enhance accessibility and likely quell frustrations with TAPS communications students may have, students who have incurred parking citations would benefit from a citation appellate and notification process facilitated through the one.uf web page; and,

WHEREAS, the one of web page could accommodate to this by notifying students directly of charges to their account from TAPS and provide a way to appeal said charges through the same web page; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate petitions that the University of Florida Parking and Transportation Services (TAPS) shall lower the base price of parking citations to \$10 for the first citation

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that The University of Florida Student Senate urges the University of Florida to implement a user-friendly notification system for parking citations and related TAPS charges through the one.uf web page with an additional streamlined appellate process for these charges through the same web page.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate petitions that after the first citation, the standard price of \$35 for parking citations shall apply, encouraging compliance with parking regulations while allowing for a more lenient approach for initial violations.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Provost Scott Angle, and Director of TAPS Scott Fox, Associate Director, Center for Instructional Technology and Training Kimbley Standifer, Web Designer Danny Aguilar, Web Designer Kristen Granieri, Web Designer Jerel Layog, Web Developer Toni-Lee Maitland, Web Developer Paul Muszynski, Web Developer Darius Rodriguez, Web Developer Jay Rosen, Web Developer Qianqian Zhao.

[1] https://haveuheard.com/posts-uf/parking/

[2] https://www.wuft.org/news/2017/12/15/find-out-florida-how-many-parking-citations-does-uf-hand-out-annually/#:~:text=He%20said%20each%20citation%20was,got%20me%20kind%20of%20mad.%27%80%9D

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