

# COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES PARKING POLICY

County Health has established the following procedures to govern parking designations, permits, and signage at County Health Facilities parking areas in accordance with State and County Code. Permission to park vehicles in or on County-owned, County Health parking areas is governed by the following policies and procedures.

### 1. OBJECTIVE:

The County Health Facilities Parking Policy (Policy) has been established to ensure the safety of County employees and the community, preserve access to parking for County Health patients, clients, and visitors, provide access at all times for emergency responders and equipment, and maximize the efficient use of limited parking spaces.

## 2. REGULATORY GUIDELINE:

State law and local ordinances, including California Vehicle Code Sections 21113 et.al. and 22651.3, and Chapters 1.08, 7.28, and 7.32 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code collectively allow the Board of Supervisors to establish parking controls and issue citations for parking violations on County-controlled lots.

## 3. PURPOSE:

To designate patient/visitor and other reserved areas at all County Health parking lots, as well as enforce all posted parking signs. Violation of any signs, rules or regulations relating to the operation, stopping, standing, or parking of motor vehicles on the driveways and grounds of County Health parking lots and parking structures, duly adopted, and as from time to time amended, by the County's Board of Supervisors, shall be cited and may be towed pursuant to the County's parking ordinance and Section 21113 et seq., Section 22651 and Section 22651.3, of the Vehicle Code of the State of California.

## 4. COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES PARKING REGULATION:

# A. COUNTY HEALTH'S COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES PARKING LOTS AND PARKING STRUCTURES

This policy applies to the main County Health campus located in the City of San Mateo, bordered by Hacienda St, 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Edison St, and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. County Health may also apply it to other County Health properties as operational needs require.

# A. POSTED SIGNAGE

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Signs shall be posted at the various parking areas (see list below) stating "VIOLATORS WILL BE CITED AND MAY BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE." These parking areas (Areas) include but are not limited to:

- 1. DPW reserved stalls
- 2. Patient/Visitor Parking Area: 2 aisles of parking in the main lot that has been labeled and striped for patient/visitor use
- 3. Physicians' Parking Lot
- 4. Designated stalls for car-sharing vehicles (County cars, used by County Health employees)
- 5. Parking lot for Emergency Department patients
- 6. Loading zones

A.1 Other signs indicating reserved, restricted, accessible parking, no parking, EV charging stations and other special signs will be enforced and violators will be cited and may be towed at owner's expense.

## **B. PARKING REGULATION**

Vehicles shall not be parked illegally or in a manner that obstructs through traffic, e.g. in fire lanes or in areas that are not actually marked parking stalls. Any vehicles parked this way will be removed. County staff will place signage indicating the location of these prohibited parking areas.

Only patients and visitors may park in the Areas noted above in Section 4A, as designated by signage.

County staff may temporarily prohibit parking in areas needed to be kept clear for maintenance, repair or construction of parking facilities, County events, and/or for public safety and utility purposes. County staff will provide notice of such temporary prohibition, if possible, at least 72 hours prior to the prohibition.

During the multi-year construction project beginning November 2018, County Health has instituted a parking placard system to allow certain employees to park on-campus. Employees without the proper placard who park on-campus may also be cited during this construction period.

# C. PARKING INFRACTIONS

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Any vehicle parked or left standing, whether attended or unattended, in the Areas noted above in Section 4A and are not authorized to be in those areas will be cited and may be towed at owner's expense.

#### **D.1 APPEAL PROCESS**

Information regarding the appeal process is provided on the back of every citation.

#### F. NO LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF THEFT

The County of San Mateo does not warrant the security of parked vehicles and is not responsible for the loss or damage through the towing of unauthorized vehicles, theft, vandalism, and weather or otherwise.

### G. TOWING OF VEHICLES

San Mateo County Sheriff's Department or any regularly employed and salaried employee who is engaged in directing traffic or enforcing parking laws and regulations may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle pursuant to the provisions of Vehicle Code Sections 22651.3 and 22651.

## H. AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF COUNTY HEALTH

The Chief of County Health, or her designee, and the San Mateo County Sheriff are duly appointed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and have authority to enforce the Policy on all County Health Facility properties. The Chief of County Health, and/or her designees, is authorized to issue citations and impound vehicles and shall execute the powers of enforcement as granted by this Policy and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

### I. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority conferred upon the Chief of County Health to enforce these regulations may be delegated as needed.

# J. AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES

The Chief of County Health, or her designee, is authorized to execute changes and or modifications to the Policy as deemed necessary to maintain parking regulations at County Health facilities.

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