

DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY COMPANY PARKING LOT POLICY

The Downingtown Library Company (DLC) endeavors to create a welcoming environment both inside the building and in the parking lot and Library grounds. Use of the Library parking lot must conform to applicable laws, regulations, and the Behavior Policy. The Library parking lot is reserved for the use of the patrons and staff of the Library.

Purpose

The purpose is to establish policy and procedures to address behavior or activities in the library parking lot that violate laws, regulations, or the DLC Behavior Policy and to provide for the removal of vehicles from the Library parking lot when vehicles present a hazard, violate regulations, appear to be abandoned, or when individuals within vehicles in the Library parking lot engage in illegal activity or violate the Library Behavior Policy.

Definitions

For purposes of this Policy, terms shall be defined as follows:

Library Parking Lot - Library parking lot refers to any parking lot owned by the Library.

Library Patrons - Library Patrons means people actively utilizing the Library's services, materials, and/or facilities during operating hours.

Operating Hours. Operating hours are posted on the DLC website (www.downingtownlibrary.org) and include, but are not limited to, times when the Library is open for special events.

Policy

Persons on Library property, including the parking lot and grounds, must conform to the Behavior Policy, laws, and regulations, and policies.

The Library parking lot is reserved for the sole and exclusive use of Library patrons and staff during operating hours. Vehicle parking in the Library parking lot during operating hours by persons other than Library patrons and staff is prohibited.

Vehicles parked in the Library parking lot shall park within the demarcated parking spaces and shall not obstruct or impede the use of the parking lot or the flow of traffic therein. Parking or driving on the grass is prohibited.

Vehicles that present a hazard or safety risk, violate this or any other Library Policy, appear to be abandoned, or interfere with the normal operation of the Library will be removed from the Library parking lot.

Library staff and/or local law enforcement officers have the right to intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors within the Library parking lot and grounds.

In addition to the removal of vehicles as authorized above, failure to comply with this Policy may result in the loss of a vehicle owner or operator's Library privileges, including barring said owner or operator, temporarily or permanently, from use of the Library.

Removal Procedure

The Library Director, or designee, may cause any vehicle parked in violation of this Policy to be towed from the Library premises. The cost for such towing shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator of the towed vehicle.

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