

Valdosta State University Parking Services will be transitioning, effective for the 2020-21 school year, to a License Plate Recognition program (LPR) for parking enforcement. LPR is more than just a license plate capture. The system converts an image (picture of the license) to computer data that can be checked against a database. The system includes high-performance Internet Protocol (IP) cameras designed for this application and powerful software that provides consistent and reliable results.

Under OCGA § 40-2-41 - .."No license plate shall be covered with any material unless the material is colorless and transparent. No apparatus that obstructs or hinders the clear display and legibility of a license plate shall be attached to the rear of any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state."

Beginning July 1, 2021 (start of the new academic year), University parking enforcement vehicle will scan the license plates of all vehicles parked in all University surface lots, spaces and parking garages. This will ensure compliance with the type of virtual permit purchased and to confirm the vehicle is registered in the Parking Services database.

You will register your vehicle(s) as always through the Parking & Transportation portal located on the website or inside of the Parking office, but the **traditional color-coded parking stickers will no longer be necessary and will no longer be issued.** coded parking permits will expire on 9/15/21 (they are still valid until then).

LPR systems for parking compliance are rapidly becoming best practice for many colleges and universities across the nation. VSU will realize significant cost savings over time in postage, printing costs for stickers, and other efficiencies.

Under the new LPR system, students, faculty, staff and visitors can register up to 3 vehicles under one purchased virtual permit, although only one vehicle may be parked on campus at a time. **No more switching/replacing window stickers for multiple registered vehicles.**

We know that many holders of University virtual parking permits desire to back into a parking space. Of course, the LPR system cannot read the license plate in those instances. For those who wish to park their vehicles in this manner, a special front license plate will need to be displayed.

Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the new LPR system. You may direct additional questions to parking@valdosta.edu

