WHEREAS, permit ticket fraud includes the three following infractions: fabrication of a counterfeit parking permit; the transfer of a permit from a registered vehicle owned by the permit holder to a vehicle owned by a non-permit holder; and the transfer of a permit from a registered vehicle owned by a permit holder to an unregistered vehicle owned by the permit holder; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear discrepancy between these infractions yet they are all fined the same amount; and

WHEREAS, permit ticket fraud is a $95.00 fine in the parking office; and

WHEREAS, this discrepancy between the fabrication of a parking permit or transfer of a permit from a registered vehicle owned by the permit holder to a vehicle owned by another individual, and the transfer of a permit by the permit holder from their registered vehicle to another vehicle owned by the permit holder is undeserving of the same infraction; and
WHEREAS, the transfer of a permit by the permit holder from their registered vehicle to another vehicle they own is an infraction that only affects students as faculty permits are transferable; and

WHEREAS, this infraction most frequently happens when a student permit owner’s vehicle breaks down and the parking office is closed so they cannot receive a replacement permit so they transfer their current permit from their broken down vehicle to their alternative vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Office and the Parking Appeals Committee has traditionally deemed it just to lower the fine to $50.00 when a permit holder transfers their permit to another vehicle that they own; and

WHEREAS, the $50.00 fine is still the highest fine dollar amount besides the full permit fraud fine; and

WHEREAS, the $50.00 fine is not a befitting punishment for the infraction and is an unfair financial burden upon ticketed individuals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate advises the Parking Office to create a different policy for enforcement for student permit owners who transfer their valid permit from one vehicle they own to another vehicle they own when they appeal the ticket; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parking office work with the parking appeals board to write this new policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fine amount for this new infraction be significantly reduced from the current $95.00; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; and Kimberly O’Kelly, Program Supervisor, Parking Office.

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