

VI-9.10-POLICY ON PARKING PERMITS (GREEN PERMIT) FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT VEHICLES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Green Permit is (1) to provide an incentive to and reward employees and students who use environmentally friendly vehicles to commute to and around campus; (2) to serve as a reminder that we are all responsible for the state of our environment by encouraging environmentally aware and friendly citizens here on campus; and (3) to assist the University in its sustainability efforts and in obtaining the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification of all new building construction.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of Bowie State University to offer a 20% reduction in the cost of a parking permit for vehicles meeting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard for green vehicles. These vehicles have been selected by the EPA based not only on highway miles per gallon, but also environmental impact in manufacture and disposal, emissions, etc.

III. QUALIFYING VEHICLES

- A. The list of qualifying vehicles can be obtained at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) website www.greencars.org or can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#).
- B. Vehicles must have a green score of 40 or higher as rated by ACEEE in order to qualify for the discount.

IV. PROCEDURE

Employees and students seeking the Green Permit must submit to the Department of Public Safety for verification a valid vehicle registration certificate with the parking permit application. Employees and students who have already purchased a parking permit may submit their current parking permit for verification as an eligible green vehicle. Upon verification as an eligible green vehicle, the 20% discount will be applied to future parking permit registration costs as long as they continue to drive the eligible "green" vehicle. The green vehicle permit does not entitle the employee or student to reserved parking. Green Permits must be displayed on the vehicle that meets the standards as designated in this policy. Use of Green Permits on vehicles which do not meet the guidelines herein will be considered a violation of this policy and the University's Policy on Parking on University Property (VI-9.05) and may result in the vehicle owner receiving a parking citation from the Department of Public Safety.