Bicycles

Definition and Purpose
Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) encourages students, faculty, and staff to travel to, from, and within campus by some form of alternative transportation, including bicycles, to reduce traffic congestion, limit the need for automobile parking, and preserve the environment.

Rules and Regulations

- **Bicycle operation**
  - Bicycles are defined as vehicles per Georgia state law and riders share the same rights and responsibilities as other vehicle drivers.

- **Bicycle parking**
  - Bicycles may be parked on campus at bike racks only. Bicycles locked to trees, railings, signs and other non-bike rack apparatus may be removed, particularly if blocking access and/or creating a hazard.

- **Dockless and shared bicycles**
  - Dockless bicycles are not required to be locked to bike racks but should not be locked to other objects such as trees, railings, signs, etc. They should be parked near bike racks and may not be parked in a way that blocks access for pedestrians or vehicles, nor blocks access to buildings or other destinations.
  - Bike share bicycles should be locked to their company bike stations/docks whenever possible; otherwise they may be locked to campus bike racks. They shall not be parked in a way that blocks access for pedestrians or vehicles, nor blocks access to buildings or other destinations.

- **Impounded bicycles**
  - Impounded bicycle refers to a bicycle removed (confiscated by Georgia Tech) in an immediate timeframe because of a space violation. Examples include a bicycle removed from a handrail or otherwise blocking access or creating a hazard. Bicycles blocking emergency access may be impounded immediately upon discovery of their placement, including the removal of any locking mechanisms.
  - The Institute will store any bicycles impounded in this way in accordance with the abandoned bicycle process listed below.

- **Abandoned bicycles**
  - Abandoned bicycle refers to a bicycle removed because of a time violation, remaining at a location past the time limit after being tagged by Georgia Tech for removal. Examples include a bicycle removed for missing parts or being left for months.
  - GTPD and/or PTS personnel shall conduct sweeps (no less than once every year) for abandoned bicycles. During these sweeps, personnel shall tag bicycles with temporary tags that clearly state that the bicycle is being marked as potentially abandoned, as well as the date of planned removal. Said authorized personnel may also elect to inspect and potentially tag bicycles at any time in response to special requests from any member of the Georgia Institute of Technology campus community (i.e. students, faculty or staff) or upon viewing bicycles that appear to be abandoned.
  - Bicycles tagged will have their description and location recorded; the location may be provided to all parties to the abandoned bicycle removal process.
Abandoned bicycles are to be checked against the GTPD bike registration database, and any identified owners will be notified to retrieve their bike at the location and convenience of GTPD or PTS personnel.

After an additional set amount of time unclaimed bicycles may be forwarded to the campus bike shop or other entity for recirculation to the GT community.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register their bikes with GTPD (http://police.gatech.edu/crime-prevention/safety-tips/bicycle). If a registered bicycle is found or confiscated the owner can be contacted via the information they provided in registration.

References

State of Georgia motor vehicle laws
Georgia Tech Bicycle and PMD Use policy
Georgia Tech Police bike registration website http://police.gatech.edu/crime-prevention/safety-tips/bicycle

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