

# PATIENT RESTRICTED

Coalinga State Hospital

OPERATING MANUAL

SECTION - SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 762  
(Replaces AD 762 dated 1/19/2006)

Effective Date: December 7, 2006

## SUBJECT: VEHICLE PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

### I. PURPOSE

The intent of this Administrative Directive is to establish a policy whereby a safe and orderly environment is provided and the parking and traffic regulations are legally enforced.

### II. AUTHORITY

- A. California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21113 (c) provides for the enforcement of all applicable sections of the California Vehicle Code upon the grounds of Coalinga State Hospital (CSH).
- B. California Vehicle Code Section 21100 permits local authorities to adopt rules and regulations regarding traffic operations as well as California Vehicle Code Section 22507 granting the same authority in developing and enforcing vehicle stopping and parking laws as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 587.
- C. The California Vehicle Code, in its entirety, will be in force at all times, with respect to the operating of all motor vehicles, personal or otherwise, while on hospital grounds.
- D. No where in this directive shall authority be given to violate any written California Vehicle Code or law unless exigent circumstances exist or in times of emergency, or that which is defined in California Vehicle Code Section 21055 as an emergency vehicle.

### III. POLICY

Police Services has the responsibility of enforcing traffic regulations on CSH grounds. Hospital Administration, Police Services, and Plant Operations shall work together in ensuring the needs and safety of CSH staff and visitors are met, as well as maintaining all regulatory signs and markings for vehicle parking and traffic.

### IV. METHOD

- A. A written statement describing the need, purpose, and location of each regulatory sign or marking is approved and maintained by the Chief of Plant Operations.

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- B. All regulatory signs or markings shall conform to the uniform standards and specifications adopted and approved by the California Department of Transportation.
- C. In adopting the specific regulations listed in this directive, the California Vehicle Code shall be the primary enforcement instrument for maintaining the safe, legal, and orderly movement of vehicles and pedestrians, as well as for proper parking control procedure on the hospital grounds.

## V. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- A. All traffic control regulations shall be posted using appropriate markings, sign shapes and language as established by the Department of Transportation.
- B. The maximum speed limit on the grounds of CSH shall be 25 miles per hour.
- C. All vehicle code violations will be cited under the appropriate California vehicle Code section using a court-approved notice to appear citation.
- D. Violations shall be cited under the appropriate section(s) of the California Vehicle Code or other applicable codes of the State of California.

## VI. PARKING REGULATIONS

- A. All parking control regulations shall be posted using appropriate markings or signs and language as established by the Department of Transportation, these regulations may be enforced 24-hours a day.
- B. Curb markings shall conform to 21458 CVC as follows:
  - 1. Red - indicates no stopping, standing or parking, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. Marked emergency vehicles are exempt from this provision while being used in an official capacity.
  - 2. Yellow - indicates stopping only for the purpose of loading or unloading goods or freight for a period not to exceed twenty minutes. Vehicles utilizing this area must display commercial license plates.
  - 3. Green - indicates parking for a period of time not to exceed twenty (20) minutes while conducting business within CSH, or for unlimited time by a special permit issued by the Department of Police Services (DPS).
  - 4. Blue - indicates parking limited exclusively to the vehicles of physically disabled persons described in Sections 22511.5 and 22511.9 CVC displaying specified license plates or placards.

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5. White – indicates stopping only for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers. Maximum stopping time is 5 minutes.
- C. Motorcycle and bicycle parking may be permitted only in designated areas pursuant to 22503.5 CVC.
- D. All parking permits or placards required by state or local regulation for preferential, designated, reserved or exempt parking must be placed so as to be clearly visible through the windshield of the parked vehicle, or decals on the right rear portion of the bumper, pursuant to 22511.5 and 22519 CVC.
- E. All vehicles must be parked parallel to and less than 18" from the right curb or roadway edge, or parked facing inward in marked parking spaces, pursuant to 22503 and 22519 CVC.
- F. Any Police Services Lieutenant may cause the removal of a vehicle when it is found to have been parked or left standing upon CSH property for 72 or more consecutive hours without permission pursuant to Section 22651 (k) CVC.

## VII. ENFORCEMENT

- A. All enforcement of traffic, parking laws and local regulations will be pursuant to the applicable code of the State of California, normally the California Vehicle Code.
  1. Misdemeanor and felony violations will be processed through the Office of the District Attorney for Fresno County with bail established by the local Court.
  2. Non-criminal violations (civil parking violations and infractions) will be processed by the DPS.
- B. Failure to obey a posted traffic regulatory or parking in violation of a posted sign may be considered as a violation of the California Vehicle Code.



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