## **Free Parking Benefit**

If you retired from Towson University as a full-time faculty or staff member (i.e., a Maryland State retiree), you are eligible for free parking throughout the year. The directions are easy to follow, and the process is simple to complete. It just takes a few days for Parking to respond to your initial request. Once you complete the process, you do not need to do anything else for the year. The new policy took effect August 12, 2024. You will need to reapply each year for the retired parking permit. This new parking eligibility does not affect the handicap accessibility rights and benefits you also may have.

There are a few exceptions to these free parking benefits. Consider if these exceptions apply to you. You can contact Parking (<u>UPark@towson.edu</u>) or <u>TURFA</u> for further clarification.

- 1) If you are teaching as an adjunct, you need to pay for parking on campus, even though you retired as a full-time faculty or staff member. You can pay for just those times you are on campus, or you can purchase a faculty/staff parking pass at the lowest rate. This policy has been in effect for several years. Currently, that parking rate is \$80.00 per year.
- 2) If you are a TURFA associate member, that is, a friend or family of TURFA members, but did not work full time for and retire from TU, you are not eligible for the free parking pass.
- 3) If you are a TURFA member who taught or currently teaches as an adjunct faculty, but did not retire as a full-time faculty or staff, you are not eligible for the free parking pass. Instead, as determined by HR policy, you signed contracts that were specific to each to each semester or year you taught. Thus, you may have resigned, but did not retire from the University.

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## RECEIVING YOUR FREE TU RETIREE PARKING

- Goto the TU Parking & Transportation Services web page
- Click on the Retiree Parking Application link
- · Login with your TU NetID and Password
- Fill in the DocuSign application and submit
- Once you receive your confirmation email, you can obtain your **free** Faculty/Staff parking permit at the eParking Portal.