

Shawnee State University

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APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Shawnee State University recognizes the need to create and maintain an environmental quality that sustains and enhances the general health and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, volunteers, contractors, and visitors.
- 1.2 As such, effective May 1, 2021, the University intends to create a one hundred percent smoke and tobacco free environment.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Smoking: The burning of tobacco or any other material in any type of smoking device, including, but not restricted to, cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes and any other devices used for vaping) or pipes.
- 2.2 Tobacco: All tobacco-derived or containing products, including, and not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (including but not limited to JUUL, Blu, and VUSE), cigars and cigarillos, hookah smoked products, pipes, and oral tobacco (e.g., spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff) and nasal tobacco. It also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products, contain tobacco flavoring, or deliver nicotine other than for the purpose of cessation.

3.0 PROHIBITION

Smoking of any material and the use of any tobacco-related product are prohibited in all University owned, leased, and managed buildings and on all University owned, leased and managed grounds, and in all vehicles located on University property. This includes all classrooms, offices, restrooms, auditoriums, lounges, dining areas, recreational and athletic facilities, rooftops, walkways, sidewalks, bridges, residence halls, parking lots and street parking owned by the University.

Smoking also is prohibited inside personal vehicles parked on University property and in any vehicles owned, operated, or leased by the University.

4.0 BAN ON ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SALES

4.1 The University will not advertise tobacco on university owned, operated or leased property or at any university sponsored event or university owned or sponsored media.

4.2 Sale of tobacco is prohibited on University owned, operated, and leased property.

4.3 Distribution and sampling of tobacco products and tobacco related items is prohibited.

5.0 EXCEPTIONS

5.1 FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy, including patches, gum, inhalers, and lozenges) will be allowed.

5.2 Smoking or tobacco use may be permitted for controlled research, educational, clinical, or religious ceremonial purposes with prior approval of the appropriate administrator.

5.3 Smoking and tobacco use may be permitted at certain University-sponsored and University-hosted events with advance approval of the Provost or a designee.

5.4 Prohibitions and restrictions on smoking and tobacco use, if any, at University activities and events that take place at locations other than University owned, leased and managed buildings and grounds, shall be determined by the owners or managers of such other locations.

6.0 SIGNAGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 “No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol will be conspicuously posted at all University building entrances and inside all University vehicles. All such signs will include contact information for reporting violations.

6.2 University literature and advertising, particularly that which is related to the posting of employment opportunities and campus events, shall identify the University as being one hundred percent tobacco free.

- 6.3 Announcements regarding this policy will be made during University-sponsored events and at campus functions when deemed appropriate. Event programs may include a written reminder of the policy.

7.0 COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of tobacco users and non-tobacco users. Leaders and those to whom this policy applies share the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing the policy. Civility and respect are expected at all times in regards to this policy.
- 7.2 The President will designate the University department(s) responsible for ensuring compliance.
- 7.3 The University will provide smoking cessation information for employees and students who wish to quit smoking.
- 7.4 The University will identify contact information to enable employees, students and visitors to report any violations of this policy.
- 7.5 Any student who repeatedly refuses to abide by this rule may be referred to Student Conduct. Repeat violations by any faculty or staff member shall be handled through normal procedures for violations of University rules and procedures. Visitors who violate this policy may be denied future access to the University campus.
- 7.6 No person shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an individual for the report of a violation or otherwise performing any obligation under this policy.

History

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