

## **Tobacco-Free Environment**

[College Name] is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students and visitors. In light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and use of tobacco are significant health hazards, it is the intent of the Board to establish a tobacco-free environment. Consequently, use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device, or carrying of any lighted smoking instrument, in college buildings or on college premises without exception, at events on college premises, or in college-owned, rented or leased vehicles, is prohibited.

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; and smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form.

All college employees, students, visitors and contractors are required to comply with this policy, which shall remain in force at all times. The Board, or its designee, shall set and approve fair and uniform fines for violations of these rules and shall provide adequate means for the enforcement and collection of such fines.

No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on [College Name] property, at college-sponsored events or in publications produced by the college, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by [College Name] and which is lawfully sold, bought or distributed on campus property. For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco-related” applies to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors or any other indicia of product identification identical to or similar to, or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco products or company which manufactures tobacco products.

[College Name] shall neither solicit nor accept any grant, gift or anything else of value from a manufacturer, distributor or retailer whose principal business is tobacco products.

The College President will develop administrative regulations and procedures as necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification, signage, disciplinary consequences, complaint procedures and enforcement.

Procedures will be developed to offer or promote prevention and education initiatives that actively support non-use and address the risks of all forms of tobacco use. Procedures will also be developed to offer or promote programs and services that include practical evidence-based approaches to end tobacco use for students and employees who want to quit.

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