

Oklahoma State University Policy and Procedures

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| TOBACCO USE AND SMOKING PREPARATION USE IN OR ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY | 1-0530 GENERAL UNIVERSITY August 2019 |
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UNIVERSITY POLICY AND STATE LAW

1.01 The Oklahoma Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act (“Act”), 63 O.S. §§ 1-1523; 1-1525, *et seq.*, requires Oklahoma State University and its constituent agencies to adopt policies regulating smoking in facilities owned, leased, or under their control. The Act prohibits the possession of lighted tobacco in any indoor place used by or open to the public, public transportation, or any indoor workplace, except where specifically allowed by law. In accordance with 21 O.S. §1247, all campuses, buildings and grounds, or portions thereof, owned or operated by an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may be designated as tobacco free, including smoking or smokeless tobacco, by the institution upon adoption of a policy stating the tobacco restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce the penalty for violations as set forth in subsection M of 21 O.S. §1247.

1.02 It is the intent of Oklahoma State University to promote the health, well-being and safety of all students, faculty, staff and visitors. As such, Oklahoma State University is designated as a tobacco-free environment. Tobacco use and the use of smoking preparations are prohibited in or on University property.

1.03 This policy applies to all property of Oklahoma State University on the Stillwater campus, including any housing or residence facility owned, operated, or managed by the University.

1.04 Tobacco and smoking preparation use is prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased, or under the control of Oklahoma State University, the State of Oklahoma and all its agencies and instrumentalities including those that provide public transportation.

1.05 This policy states the intent of Oklahoma State University to maintain a tobacco free campus and states its express intent to enforce the penalty for violations in accordance with subsection M of 21 O.S. §1247 using officers commissioned under the provisions of 74 §360.18 and the Board’s regular commissioning procedures.

DEFINITIONS

2.01 Tobacco use includes, but is not limited to, the carrying by a person of a cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking device or the use of smokeless tobacco including snuff, chewing tobacco (including chewing on an unlit cigar or other tobacco product), smokeless pouches, or any other form of loose-leaf, smokeless tobacco.

2.02 Smoking preparations include but are not limited to hookahs, electronic cigarettes, vapor devices, and clove cigarettes.

PROCEDURES

3.01 Oklahoma State University will not accept donations, gifts, money, or materials intended to promote the use of tobacco or smoking preparations or participate in any type of services that promote the use of tobacco or smoking preparations.

3.02 Signage will be posted by OSU Facilities Management as appropriate to inform employees, students and visitors of policy provisions.

A. "Breathe Easy" signs will be placed on all campus buildings.

B. "Tobacco Free Campus" will be clearly posted at all main campus entrances.

C. No ashtrays will be provided on campus.

3.03 The sale or advertising of tobacco products or smoking preparations on University property is prohibited.

3.04 Littering the campus with remains of tobacco products or other disposable products is prohibited.

3.05 Organizers and attendees at events (meetings, conferences, lectures, cultural events and sporting events) using OSU facilities are required to abide by the policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.

3.06 Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing others unaware of and/or in disregard of this policy. **It shall be a violation of this policy for any person to discriminate against any individual because the individual has opposed any practice made unlawful under this Policy, or because the individual has made a complaint or has assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation or proceeding under this Policy.**

3.07 A complaint against an offender who fails to respond to a request by another, as noted in Section 3.06, may be referred to a dean, director, other manager or to the campus police by completing an official signed complaint. Appropriate corrective action will be taken. In addition to appropriate corrective action by the institution, any commissioned law enforcement officer may issue a citation in accordance with this Policy.

3.08 Oklahoma State University reserves the right to change this Policy and Procedures or any portion thereof at any time without prior notice.

Tobacco Cessation Programs

4.01 Employees wishing to participate in tobacco cessation programs are referred to the OSU Psychological Services Center (405.744.5975), Seretean Wellness Center (405.744.9355),

BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma (1.877.258.6781), the Oklahoma Tobacco Quit Line (1.800.QUIT.NOW or 1.800.784.8669), the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and the American Heart Association.

4.02 Students may contact University Health Services (405.744.7665) for cessation assistance.

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