University of South Florida Tampa Policy

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Subject: Limited Tobacco Use and Smoke Free Policy

Responsible Office: Administrative Services

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I. PURPOSE & INTENT

University of South Florida Tampa ("USF Tampa") is committed to providing a safe and healthy working, learning and living environment for the campus community. This policy intends to reduce the risk of secondhand smoke exposure to students, faculty, staff and visitors, health risks related to smoking is not allowed on the USF Tampa campus, except in those outdoor areas that have been formally designated for smoking activity. Tobacco and related products, as well as to reduce the smoking and tobacco-related waste from USF.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Smoking is not permitted on the USF Tampa campus except in those areas marked as designated smoking areas. This Policy covers all buildings, property, parking lots, and grounds under the control of the USF Tampa campus, as well as, all University owned or leased vehicles. Tobacco use and use of related products is prohibited on all property owned, leased or operated by USF. This includes, but is not limited to, all indoor and outdoor areas and properties. Additionally, no smoking and/or tobacco products will be sold or advertised on the USF Tampa campus. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors.

Any additional authority to prohibit smoking on the USF Tampa campus is in the purview of the respective vice president. USF Health has adopted Policy 0-909 which prohibits smoking and/or tobacco use anywhere on the USF Health campus.

The President or designee may allow smoking in specific designated areas of campus for clinical treatment purposes, including smoking cessation programs, or research-related purposes.
III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. “Smoking” is defined as (1) inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying or possessing any lighted type of matter or substance that contains tobacco product as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking. This includes, including, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, bidis, kreteks, water pipes, bongs and hookahs; (2) lighting or burning of non-tobacco plants or marijuana; and (3) using electronic cigarettes or similar devices.

B. “Tobacco use” means the personal use of any tobacco product, whether intended to be lit or not, including but not limited to snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches or any other form of loose-leaf smokeless tobacco.

C. “Property” is defined as any property owned, leased, occupied, operated or otherwise controlled by USF, exclusive of event venues that independently regulate smoking, including but not limited to academic and auxiliary buildings, classrooms, laboratories, residence halls, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, roofs, meeting rooms, hallways, lobbies and other common areas, conference facilities, athletic complexes and facilities, recreational facilities, exterior open spaces, shuttle buses, shuttle bus stops, university-owned parking garages and lots, driveways, loading docks, university-owned streets, sidewalks and walkways.

IV. CAMPUS BOUNDARIES

For the purpose of this Policy, only the USF campus boundaries are shown on the attached map.

V. ENFORCEMENT

The success of this policy relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers, not only to comply, but to encourage others to comply with the policy. Any student who continuously, repeatedly refuses to abide by the policy may be considered in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and will be handled accordingly. Continuing Repeat violations by any faculty or staff member will be handled through normal University processes.

VI. EXCEPTIONS

Smoking will be permitted on the grounds of The Claw Golf Course.

VII. MAP OF BOUNDARIES AND SMOKING AREAS

Please see attached map of the campus boundaries and locations of the designated smoking areas.

All attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social and cultural events using USF facilities and grounds are required to abide by this policy.
Organizers of such events are responsible both for communicating and enforcing this policy with attendees.

Visitors, contractors, and other individuals on campus who are in violation of this policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply by discarding the smoking/tobacco product. Continuing violations may also result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by University officials.

If adopted, policy would go into effect 1/1/16.

Authorized and Signed by:

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