

POLICY NO. 5

Area: General Administration

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Certified by _____
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University President

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Subject: SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

1.0 PURPOSE

In order to promote the health of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors, the Central State University campus and all University locations are designated as smoke- and tobacco-free environments. As such, smoking of any material and the use of any tobacco product are prohibited in all University owned, leased, or managed buildings, vehicles, equipment, and other designated areas established by this policy.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Smoking - the consumption or burning of tobacco or any other material in any type of smoking devices, including, but not restricted to, cigarettes, cigars, electronic or vaping cigarettes, and pipes.
- 2.2 Tobacco - all tobacco-derived or containing products, such as cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaping cigarettes or devices, cigars, cigarillos, kreteks (also known as clove cigarettes), pipes, hookah smoked products, and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, chew, snuff, snus, spit tobacco, etc.). Also included are products intended to mimic tobacco products, products that contain tobacco flavoring, or products that deliver nicotine other than for the purpose of cessation.
- 2.3 University Facilities – any facility or property that is owned, leased, used, or occupied by the University, including but not limited to: classrooms, restrooms, auditoriums, offices, lounges, dining areas, recreational facilities, parking lots, parking garages, rooftops, storage areas, service shops, garages, walkways, enclosed bridges, thoroughfares, facilities operations areas, athletic facilities, extension locations, all University vehicles (owned or leased), and personally owned or rented vehicles when used to transport University faculty, staff, or students on any school-related business, academic, or student life activities.

3.0 PROHIBITION

Smoking, the sale, and the use of Tobacco are prohibited in all University Facilities and at University-sponsored events, regardless of the venue, and within 25 feet of any entrance or other outside access to same.

4.0 HELP WITH QUITTING

The University actively promotes and provides Smoking and Tobacco use cessation assistance to students, faculty, and staff, as well as their benefit-eligible spouses and dependents. Many services are provided at no cost or at reduced cost. Interested employees can seek help through the Office of Human Resources. Interested students should contact Student Health Services.

5.0 ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this policy will be addressed through the standard disciplinary process appropriate to the individual's relationship to the University. Visitors who violate this policy may be denied access to University locations and events, and may ultimately be subject to arrest for criminal trespass. Violators may also be subject to criminal proceedings under Ohio's Smoking Ban (Revised Code Chapter 3794).