

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## SMOKING POLICY FOR UNIVERSITY FACILITIES/GROUNDS

<b>Authority:</b>	Issued by the Chancellor. Changes or exceptions to administrative policies issued by the Chancellor may only be made by the Chancellor.
<b>Category:</b>	General University Policies
<b>Applies to:</b>	●Faculty      ●Staff      ●Students
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<b>Related Policies:</b>	North Carolina General Statutes §130A-492-493
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### I. PURPOSE

Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) in the workplace has been and continues to be a difficult issue. North Carolina General Statutes §§ 143-595 et seq. (2003) mandates certain requirements relative to non-smoking areas in state-controlled buildings. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that secondhand smoke is classified as a Group A carcinogen, which means that there is sufficient evidence that the substance causes cancer in humans. Accordingly, the Chancellor for Fayetteville State University has established this regulation to provide for smoke-free areas and to conform to state statutory requirements.

### II. SCOPE AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- A. This regulation governs all facilities located on the university's campus and/or under the university's operating authority, except for residence halls that are administered by the Division of Student Affairs. This policy encompasses the procedures that should be followed to determine areas where smoking will or will not be permitted.
- B. This policy is adopted to provide a comfortable and productive learning and working environment for all faculty, staff, and students; to comply with federal and North Carolina laws; and to encourage cooperation and consideration between smokers and non-smokers. Furthermore, this policy is intended to effectively protect non-smokers from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

### III. DEFINITION

- A. "University facilities" includes the inside of buildings which the university owns, leases, or occupies, for the purposes of this policy.
- B. "Nonsmoking area" means any designated area where smoking is not permitted.
- C. "Smoke, smokes, or smoking" includes the use of or possession of a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product.

### IV. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. University Facilities (Excluding Residence Halls) and Vehicles

All university facilities (including the Chancellor's residence) and state or university owned vehicles shall be designated as nonsmoking areas.

- B. Residence Halls

- 1. In accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 143-597(6), the university shall make a **reasonable effort** to provide residential smoking rooms in residence halls in proportion to student demand for smoking rooms.

- A. Residence Hall residents who wish to smoke should be grouped with other resident who are smokers, whenever possible. Residents who live in smoking areas should be considerate of visitors.

- b. Non-smokers should not be assigned to a smoking area in a residence hall.

- c. The Division of Student Affairs shall consider whether there is adequate exhaust in any designated residential smoking area/room(s). Air from the smoking room(s) should not be re-circulated to other parts of the building. Furthermore, nothing in this Policy shall be considered as requiring the installation of any heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning (HVAC) system. See NCGS § 143-597(c).

- 2. Smoking rooms in residence halls that were permitted by NCGS § 143-597(6) shall be prohibited beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year.

### VI. PROCEDURS

- A. Responsibility for designating smoking and non-smoking areas on walkways or on the grounds of facilities is vested in the Chancellor or Chancellor's delegee, in consultation with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management and the university's General Counsel.

- B. The Division of Facilities Management shall be responsible for design, installation, and maintenance of signage, as well as purchasing and supplying ashtrays or other receptacles for any areas outside of buildings where smoking is allowed.
- C. Information on the smoking policy and rules shall be provided to all new employees during orientation and to all students in the student handbook. Schools, colleges and departments shall communicate the policy to all current employees.