

Policy Statement

In order to create and promote a healthy, first- and second-hand smoke-free and sustainable environment for the College community and to model same for the community-at-large the start of the 2019-2020 academic year, Terra State Community College. Smoking or inhaling any substance, by any method, including, but not limited to, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and aromatic smoking products, such as clove cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, or any other similar device(s) are prohibited:

Policy Purpose

Smoking in the workplace has become an important public health issue. There is considerable evidence that concentrations of smoke is harmful to non-smokers as well as smokers. The College has an obligation to provide a safe and healthy work and learning environment. Any employee, student, or visitor has a right not to be exposed to the effects of smoke.

Policy Details

Tobacco use is prohibited in all defined locations/areas at all times. Tobacco products are defined as any product made of tobacco including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, bidis, all chewing tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes, cigars, or related products. Smoking is defined as burning or other use of any of the above listed products.

Procedures

The areas designated for smoking on campus will be:

The smoking huts in the quadrangle outside of buildings A, B, D.

Signage and other forms of communication will be posted in a manner and location that adequately notify students, employees, visitors, volunteers, contractors or other persons performing services on behalf of the College about this policy.

TSCC will consult with appropriate health organizations and resources to identify and provide programs and opportunities for students and employees to gain a greater understanding of the health hazards of tobacco use.

TSCC will consult with appropriate health organizations and resources to identify and provide programs and opportunities for students and employees to access support systems, programs, and services that encourage them to abstain from the use of tobacco products

Suggestions for faculty, staff and students.

- When discussing the policy with smokers, please be friendly and positive. Do not forget, you are talking to a fellow employee or student. Please be respectful at all times.
- Please do not be confrontational if you see someone smoking. Instead, simply and politely remind the individual of the new policy. You may also suggest they go resources for those who want to quit smoking.

- Do not request that a smoker put out his/her cigarette. Simply and politely remind smokers about the new policy and ask for their cooperation in observing it.
- Do not approach individuals smoking in their cars.
- The fall 2019 semester presents an opportunity for smokers to begin adjusting their habits and is a good time to consider a smoking cessation program. Although encouraging individuals to stop smoking is not our primary goal, we believe this new policy offers smokers an opportunity to quit.
- We all should realize that it is difficult to quit smoking. Some individuals have been smoking for years, or even decades. Quitting takes time and we all need to be aware of this.

Any facility or property that is owned, leased, used or occupied by the college, including but not limited to: private offices, lounges, dining areas, recreational facilities, storage areas, service shops, garages, sidewalks, facilities operations areas, athletic facilities, all college vehicles (owned or leased), and personally owned and rented vehicles when used to transport college faculty, staff, students and administrators on any college-related business, academic or student life activities.

Definitions

Smoking: the burning, lighting or use of a tobacco product and any other smoking device or equipment, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), hookahs, marijuana and pipes.

E-cigarette: a powered delivery system by any method, including but not limited to a battery, such as an electronic cigarette, juuling, electronic vaping device, personal vaporizer (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) which simulates cigarette or tobacco smoking. Although e-cigarette aerosol delivers lower levels of many toxins than cigarette smoke, the aerosol still contains nicotine, ultrafine particles, other toxic chemicals, and carcinogens.

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