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TOBACCO POLICY

I. Introduction

The University of Kentucky has a vital interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, employees, patients and visitors. Research findings show that use of tobacco products in general constitutes a significant health hazard. The health care and health education programs of the University perform an important health education function by demonstrating and promoting healthy lifestyles through activities such as curtailment of the use of tobacco products. In addition, smoking is a serious safety concern and has been specifically listed as a contributing factor in a number of university facility fires across the nation, many of which have resulted in fatalities or major damage.

II. Definitions

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette or pipe.

“Tobacco Products” means all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco products.

III. Policy

A. Within the geographic areas set forth on the map attached hereto as Appendix A, the use of all tobacco products is prohibited in all owned, operated, leased or controlled University buildings and structures, grounds, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and vehicles, as well as personal vehicles in these areas.

B. For the off-campus areas described in Appendix B, the use of all tobacco products is prohibited in University controlled areas of those structures and facilities.

C. For areas not shown on the map in Appendix A or listed in Appendix B, smoking is prohibited in all owned, operated, leased or controlled University buildings and structures, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, and vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited outside buildings and structures within 20 feet of entrances, exits, air intakes, and windows, unless further restricted by division policy. Tobacco users are responsible for disposing of all tobacco products in appropriate receptacles.

IV. Exceptions and Limitations

A. Tobacco use may be permitted for controlled research with prior approval of the dean or director responsible for the facility, the Provost or appropriate executive vice president, and in the case of smoking, the University Fire Marshal. Smoke, like any other laboratory air contaminant generated, shall be controlled locally in a chemical hood or other exhaust system that provides 100% exhaust to the outside.

B. Tobacco use may be permitted for educational, clinical, or religious ceremonial purposes with prior approval of the dean or director responsible for the facility, the Provost or appropriate executive vice president, and in the case of smoking, the University Fire Marshal.

V. Delegation

Authority for enforcement of this policy is vested with the Provost, or the appropriate executive vice president or vice president, in conjunction with the Associate Vice President for Human Resources or the Dean of Students, or their designee.

VI. Compliance

Violation of this regulation may result in corrective action under the Student Code of Conduct, Human Resources Policies and Procedures, or other applicable University Regulations or Policies. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

VII. Effective Date

This policy is effective November 20, 2008.

References: KRS 61.165(4); GR I