SMOKING ON CAMPUS

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Definition

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has determined that environmental tobacco smoke and sidestream smoke is potentially carcinogenic to occupationally exposed workers. Secondary tobacco smoke can also lead to an increased risk of heart disease in non-smokers. Tobacco smoke is also a major contributor to indoor air pollution and a significant health hazard for several populations. Smoking is prohibited in all state buildings and vehicles where California State University San Marcos employees work or ride.

To diminish possible health effects and indoor air quality issues from second-hand smoke, Cal State San Marcos chooses to limit smoking, as well as the use of e-cigarettes, on campus to specific, designated official smoking areas. The locations comply or are more stringent than the State of California law effective 01/01/04. They require a minimum of 25 ft. distance from any public building entrances, exits, and all operable windows. The locations are also based upon recognized current smoking gathering areas and areas that will limit smoke-filled airstreams from entering campus buildings. Changes to designated smoking areas will only be made after careful review and to support the campus’ efforts to mitigate second-hand smoke. Consideration will be given to reasonableness of smoking gathering areas in proximity to non-smoking areas and to allow for proximity, in support of operations, of break areas for employees who smoke. Additionally, Cal State San Marcos will collaborate with any property owners or managers who are in a formally recognized agreement with the institution.

Any University student or employee smoking in non-smoking areas will be subject to appropriate discipline and/or other personnel action in accordance with the relevant collective bargaining agreement and the Education Code. Additionally, any person willfully violating this policy may receive a misdemeanor citation as authorized by Education Code section 89031 and Assembly Bill 795.

Authority

California Government Code Sections 7596 – 7598, and 19994.30 - 19994.32; Assembly Bill 795, California Education Code Section 89031; Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 42356 pursuant to Board of Trustees Resolution RCOW09-02-01; Coded Memorandum HR 2002-26; University Village Resident Handbook; and the President of California State University San Marcos.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the campus community and members of the general public when they are on property owned or controlled by the University or using University owned or controlled vehicles.

Karen S. Haynes, President

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