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## Smoke Free/Tobacco Free Campus Policy

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### **PURPOSE:**

In accordance with Act 211 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Fletcher Technical Community College seeks to provide a safe, healthy, pleasant environment for its faculty staff, students and visitors. To this end, the use of tobacco products, including smoke and smokeless tobacco, and the advertising, sale, free distribution, and discarding of tobacco products shall be prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities and in all state-owned vehicles. The policy extends to faculty, staff, students, vendors, guests, and visitors.

### **POLICY:**

#### **I. Specifications**

- A. "Tobacco products" are any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, e-cigarette, vaping device, cigar, pipe smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product (except for raw materials other than tobacco used in manufacturing a component, part or accessory of a tobacco product).
- B. "Use of tobacco products" means inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other tobacco or plant product, or inhaling or exhaling aerosol or vapor from any electronic smoking device. This includes the use of smokeless tobacco, or the use of any other tobacco product in any form.
- C. "Electronic Smoking Device" is defined as any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-hookah, vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.
- D. "Indoor and outdoor facilities and state-owned vehicles" shall include
  1. All buildings and facilities owned or leased by Fletcher Technical Community College
  2. All outdoor areas owned or leased by Fletcher Technical Community College including the grounds of all campuses
  3. All state-owned or leased vehicles
  4. Personal vehicles on college owned grounds

## **II. Enforcement**

Fletcher is committed to providing support to all employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Cessation information is available to any employee, contractor, grantee or visitor upon request. Fletcher will assist all employees desiring to quit by helping them access recommended cessation programs and materials (including but not limited to, the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, which provides free phone and web-based coaching and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

- A. It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community and campus visitors to observe the provisions of this policy.
- B. It is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors to uphold the honor of the College by affirming its commitment to this policy.
- C. Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing violators of this policy.
- D. Compliance with this policy by all students and employees is expected based on our commitment to a healthy environment to live, work, and learn. Emphasis will be placed on creating a positive and healthy culture free of tobacco and should be a cooperative effort, encouraged by all faculty, staff and students. Faculty, staff and student non-compliance with this policy will be handled in the same manner as any other policy violation and is subject to disciplinary process.
- E. Visitors repeating non-compliance will be referred to security and asked to leave the campus.
- F. Anybody who violates the policy may be referred to Louisiana Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, which provides free phone and web-based coaching and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

## **III. General**

- A. The sale or promotion of tobacco products will be prohibited anywhere on campus. This will also include prohibiting sponsorship of any school activity by tobacco companies.
- B. Communication will be provided to prospective and enrolling students and new employees.
- C. Scheduled breaks may not be extended nor shall extra breaks be added for smoking.
- D. The college will ensure that the public and the campus are made aware of the tobacco free environment through press releases, website announcements, signage and other communication sources.

**REFERENCE:** Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1300.251 to 40:1300.263  
Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:2522(4) and 30:2531(A) (3)

**DISTRIBUTION:** Electronically via College's email and website

**APPROVAL:**

Reviewing Council/Entity	Approval Date
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