

Florida A&M University Regulation



5.006 No Smoking and Tobacco Use.

(1) Introduction.

Florida A&M University desires to provide a safe and healthy campus environment for its students, faculty, staff, and all visitors. Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke also known as second hand smoke is a significant health risk for non-smokers. On August 1, 2018, Florida A&M University will become a smoke and tobacco-free campus.

(2) Rationale.

The following was obtained from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Coordinating Center for Health Promotion; and the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking:

- Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S.
- Each year in the U.S., approximately 440,000 people die of an illness caused by smoking cigarettes.
- More than 8.6 million Americans currently suffer from at least one serious illness caused by smoking. In 2006, about one in five (45.3 million) adult Americans smoked cigarettes.

- By 12th grade, about half of all students have tried smoking and one in five (20.0%) are current smokers.
- Florida A&M University has an interest in protecting the health and wellbeing of its employees, students, and visitors.
- A tobacco-free environment helps create a safer, healthier workplace.
- Through the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act, the State of Florida acknowledges that lighted tobacco products constitute significant health hazards to users and non-users.
- All tobacco products are harmful. Smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snus, and snuff) is addictive, contains dozens of cancer-causing agents, and may cause oral cancer and other diseases.

(3) Definitions.

(a) “University campus” or “campus” shall include, but is not limited to: all lands, buildings, parking garages, parking lots, athletic fields, and all stadium seating occupied or controlled by Florida A&M University. "Campus" also includes all satellite campuses in Brooksville, Crestview, Jacksonville, Davie, Tampa, and Orlando, Florida, and any additional properties Florida A&M University occupies or controls.

(b) “Smoking” means possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, cigarillos, any other smoking product, water-pipe or hookah or any product consumed in a similar manner; and the use of an unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, water-pipe or hookah, or the use of an electronic cigarette, vape pens, advanced personal vaporizers, cigar, pipe or any other device intended to simulate smoked tobacco.

(c) "Tobacco products" mean cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, and any other form of loose-leaf, smokeless tobacco.

(4) Florida Clean Indoor Air Act of 1992.

To establish compliance with Chapter 386, of the Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Clean Indoor Air Act of 1992," Florida A&M University prohibited smoking in all University facilities, including but not limited to: classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices, dining facilities, break rooms, press boxes, restrooms and student residential facilities. There shall be no indoor area within any university building designated as a "smoking area."

(5) University-Wide Tobacco Free Campus.

(a) Since the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act of 1992 passed, it is inevitable that the University move forward with 100% tobacco free/smoke free regulation for a healthier environment for the University Community.

(b) Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products is prohibited in all areas of the University campus.

(6) Effective Date.

The effective date is August 1, 2018, for the University main campus and all satellites campuses to be 100% Tobacco-Free/Smoke-Free.

(7) Applicability.

This policy applies to all individuals on University property, and is not limited to: students, faculty, staff, employees, consultants, contractors, vendors, and visitors.

(8) Designated Areas for Clinical Therapy/Research Related Purposes.

The President or designee may authorize smoking in specific designated areas of campus for clinical treatment and/or for research related purposes.

(9) Enforcement.

(a) Enforcement of this regulation is the responsibility of the person in charge of the facility or area in use. If a student refuses to comply with the policy, Office of Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution will be notified.

(b) If a staff or faculty member refuses to comply with this policy, the immediate supervisor must be notified.

(10) Smoking Cessation Program.

(a) A smoking cessation program is available to students, faculty, and staff at the Student Health Services.

(b) Florida A&M University will foster educational programming, distribute policy notifications, and encourage participation in smoking cessation programs on campus.

Specific Authority: Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Board of Governors Regulation 1.001, Chapter 386, Florida Statutes. History- New 7- 9- 2018.