Rule Statement

Smoking poses a significant health risk to smokers and non-smokers. Prairie View A&M University restricts the use of tobacco products inside any University building or vehicle.

Reason for Rule

In order to ensure a safe, healthy, and pleasant environment, Prairie View A&M University maintains rules and guidelines which prohibit smoking inside any building owned or leased by the University.

Official Procedures and Responsibilities

1. AREAS IN WHICH SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

   1.1 Smoking is prohibited in all posted “No Smoking” areas and in all University owned buildings, athletic stadium seating areas, retail service areas and all vehicles owned or leased by Prairie View A&M University.

   1.2 Under the rules and regulations published and distributed to all occupants of American Campus Communities housing units, smoking is prohibited. This includes any public area, e.g. hallways, lounges, laundry room, etc.

2. AREAS AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SMOKING IS PERMITTED

   2.1 On University property, smoking is permitted in open areas outside of buildings at a distance of at least 50 feet from any entrance door or window so that second-hand smoke will not interfere with the occupants of the buildings or individuals entering and exiting the buildings.

   2.2 University student artists or actors who participate in authorized performances will be allowed to smoke as part of an artistic production provided that appropriate disposal receptacles and smoke filtration units are available and the audience is informed prior to the performance.

   2.3 If approved in writing by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, smoking is permitted by participants in academic research projects involving smoking, provided that it is conducted in a designated area.
and informational signs are posted indicating the presence of tobacco smoke. The Principal Investigator must have a smoke filtration unit operating during the smoking event.

3. **COMPLIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY**

   3.1 This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers for its success. It is the responsibility of all members of the Prairie View A&M University community to observe the provisions and comply with the spirit and intent of this rule. It is expected that smokers will utilize proper receptacles to contain the ignited tobacco and will properly discard all smoking materials in a manner as to prevent fires.

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**Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules**

- **System Policy 34.05 Smoking**
- **Texas Penal Code § 48.01 Smoking Tobacco**
- **Texas Labor Code § 411.103 Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace**
- **Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 34 State Fire Marshal, §34.303 Adopted Standards**

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**Definitions**

- **Tobacco** - all forms of tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.

- **University Property** - property located in the State of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, and occupied or under the administrative control of the President of Prairie View A&M University. For purposes of this Rule, this includes but is not limited to all grounds, buildings and structures, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and all vehicles owned, leased or rented by Prairie View A&M University.

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