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I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) has a vital interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Therefore, it is the policy of USFSP to provide a tobacco and smoke free environment for our students, faculty, staff, vendors and visitors.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

USFSP is a tobacco and smoke free campus. Tobacco use, distribution, or sale, including, but not limited to smoking and chewing is prohibited. This policy covers all buildings, property, and grounds where USFSP business is conducted. Faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors are not allowed to use any tobacco products within this area.

III. DEFINITIONS

“Tobacco” is defined as any product made of tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, bidis, hookahs, and any and all chewing tobacco products. “Smoking” is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying or possessing any lighted tobacco product. “Tobacco Use” means the personal use of any tobacco product whether intended to be lit or not, which shall include smoking as defined above, as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking and thus use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, or any other form of loose-leaf smokeless tobacco, and the use of unlit cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco. Exceptions may be made for the use of unlit products for University sponsored events.

IV. CAMPUS BOUNDARIES

USFSP is a metropolitan university with city streets running through the campus. However, once inside the borders of the USFSP (see map) these streets are considered part of the institution, and thus are also bound by this policy. Click [here](#) for a map of the campus boundaries for purposes of this policy.

V. SMOKING ZONES

There are no designated smoking areas on campus.

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of this policy depends upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors not only to comply with this policy, but also to encourage others to comply with the policy. Anyone who is in violation of the policy (including faculty, staff, students, vendors or visitors) should be politely reminded of the policy and asked to comply by discarding the tobacco product. Any student who continually refuses to abide by the policy may be considered in violation of the student Code of Conduct and subject to its disciplinary procedures. Continuing violations by any faculty or staff member will be handled through normal University processes.

All attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events and cultural events using USFSP facilities are required to abide by this policy. Organizers of such events are responsible both for communicating this policy to attendees, and for its enforcement.

VII. AUTHORITY

USF System Policy, 0-606, Non Smoking Areas, Section II.

Authorized and signed by:

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