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I. DEFINITIONS

- Tobacco Product - Cigarettes, cigars, blunts, bidis, pips, chewing tobacco, snus, snuff, and other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products, including but not limited to e-cigarettes and vapor cigarettes.

- Tobacco Use - Smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of Tobacco Products.

II. PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The College is a Tobacco Product free campus. The use of Tobacco Products is prohibited in or on any College building, facility, vehicle, or property, including anything owned, leased, or operated by the College, as well as at any College-sponsored event. The sale or free distribution of Tobacco Products, including merchandise or paraphernalia, is also prohibited. This Policy applies to all College employees, students, vendors, contractors, and visitors to campus.

III. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The College shall post appropriate signage on the campus educating students, employees, and visitors that the College is a Tobacco Product free campus and use other methods to further inform and educate the public of this prohibition.

IV. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY

Enforcement of all college policies and procedures is the responsibility of all College employees. A College employee who witnesses an instance of Tobacco Use shall follow Procedure 2.2.1.1 - Tobacco Use Violations.

V. EXCEPTIONS

This Policy does not apply to:

- Passive nicotine delivery systems intended for smoking cessation, such as nicotine patches and prescription or over-the-counter nicotine cessation products,
- Possession of a Tobacco Product, so long as the Tobacco Product is not used as described in this Policy,
- Use of a Tobacco Product when in an individual's privately-owned vehicle, and
- Tobacco Products being used for instructional or research activities if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

REFERENCES

Statutory References	N.C.G.S. § 115D-20.1
Regulatory References	None
Relevant Guidance	None
Policy Manual Cross-References	None

POLICY HISTORY

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