

Tennessee State University
Policy No. 08.02
Smoke and Tobacco-Free Policy
Supersedes: 6.43 Tobacco-Free Policy
Effective Date: June 2020

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline Tennessee State's University's commitment to a smoke and tobacco-free environment. As permitted under the Focus on College and University Success (FOCUS) Act, the Tennessee Board of Regents' Prohibitions on Smoking and Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products: 1.07.00.10 is deemed to be an institutional policy of Tennessee State University. Further, Section II Smoke-Free or Tobacco-Free Campuses of TBR 1.07.00.10 allows institutions to prohibit smoking and use of smokeless tobacco in all indoor and outdoor areas of its campus. As such, TSU modifies the TBR 1.07.00.10 by including the following procedures:

II. PROCEDURES

A. Prohibited Areas for Smoking

Smoking and use of smokeless tobacco are prohibited in or on any property owned or leased by Tennessee State University. This includes all grounds, vehicles and buildings owned or leased by the University.

B. Areas and Circumstances in which Smoking is Permitted

Notwithstanding the above, smoking and the use of tobacco will be allowed on University property in the following circumstances:

- (1) While inside private vehicles situated on property owned or leased by the University; and
- (2) For artistic, educational, controlled research activities, or religious ceremonial purposes, provided prior written approval has been obtained by the President or designee.

III. SUPPORT

Tennessee State University will make every effort to assist those who may wish to stop using tobacco products. Students who wish to stop may contact Student Health Services for information about smoking cessation programs. Employees who wish to stop may contact Human Resources for information about tobacco cessation resources available through the Employee Assistance Program or their health insurance plans.

Reference: TBR 1.07.00.10

Approved by: President as part of Appendix A for the Policy Development and Review Process Policy

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