

Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus Policy

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SECTION I. PURPOSE

The University of St. Thomas convictions include supporting the well-being of each member of our community. This conviction encompasses a commitment to provide a healthy campus for all campus members and visitors by maintaining a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus. This policy establishes the related expectations that apply to members of and visitors to our campus community.

SECTION II. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all St. Thomas students, employees (faculty, staff and student workers), contractors, volunteers, visitors and licensees. Compliance with this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all members of our community to ensure awareness and respect for our commitment to remain tobacco-free and smoke-free.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

Tobacco and vaping products mean any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, clove cigarette, hookah smoked products, electronic cigarettes and any other smoking or vaping product; and smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as kip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form.

St. Thomas property means all real property, buildings, vehicles and facilities under the primary control of St. Thomas through ownership, lease or other means. For example, St. Thomas property includes, but is not limited to, St. Thomas residence halls and other St. Thomas-owned housing for students, St. Thomas academic, administrative and athletic buildings and facilities, outdoor areas on campus, and vehicles owned, leased or licensed by St. Thomas. St. Thomas property also includes all public or private locations, stadiums and halls that the University has leased or licensed for University events and activities, including but not limited to intercollegiate and intramural sporting events.

Exempted residences mean specified, non-student residential homes owned by St. Thomas that were specifically exempted from this policy at the time of its initial adoption, but only so long as such homes are occupied by the individuals who resided there on January 1, 2014.

SECTION IV. PROHIBITED PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

St. Thomas prohibits the use, distribution, advertisement, promotion, marketing and sale of tobacco and vaping products and tobacco- and vaping-related merchandise (including logo-containing items) at all St. Thomas-sponsored events and in and on all St. Thomas property, other than the exempted residences, and regardless of the operating vendor.

With prior approval of the policy owner in consultation with the appropriate President's Cabinet member(s), St. Thomas may exempt tobacco use from this policy as part of university-approved scientific studies, theatrical productions, traditional Native American ceremonies, and disability accommodations, so long as such uses comply with applicable law.