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Smoke and Vapor Free Campus

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

The University of South Dakota (USD) Student Government Association passed a resolution requesting the implementation of a campus-wide smoking ban. At the September 24, 2012, meeting of the USD Executive Committee, this resolution was unanimously approved. The University Senate has also endorsed the implementation of the campus-wide smoking ban.

This policy is established to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of employees, students, and visitors.

According to the [National Cancer Institute](#), U.S. former Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., said that the public health burden caused by environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) "more than justifies public policies creating smoke-free workplaces and public areas." "ETS exposures are related to much more than heart disease. When the thousands of ETS-related lung cancers and other diseases are considered, ETS clearly is a major cause of death in the United States".

The University of South Dakota has an obligation to its employees, its students, and the public to act known to protect people's health. Per South Dakota Codified Law (34-46-20), tobacco as defined by this policy includes vapor products. The use of tobacco and vaping products by employees or visitors compromises the responsibility of USD to provide a safe and healthy place to conduct business.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Smoking and vaping is not permitted on the campus of the University of South Dakota. In accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the no smoking policy would not apply to ceremonial and traditional rites.

III. DEFINITIONS

VAPOR PRODUCT - The term, vapor product, includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic smoking device, or similar product or device.

IV. PROCEDURES

Enforcement of this policy is the shared responsibility of everyone at The University of South Dakota. Everyone is authorized and encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect, and diplomacy, especially about visitors. Violation of the policy may result in corrective and/or disciplinary action and should be reported to the supervisor or the Office of the Dean of Students.

Questions:

Students should contact the Office of the Vice President & Dean of Students. Employees should contact their supervisor.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

Tobacco Cessation Opportunities

USD encourages all employees and students who use tobacco to quit. [The Healthy South Dakota](#) web site offers cessation benefits/assistance for employees and students who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Tobacco cessation information is also available from the South Dakota QuitLine's toll-free number 1-866-737-8487, or by visiting the [Tobacco Control Program's website](#). Smoke and Vapor Free Campus University of South Dakota 2.043 extends the South Dakota Board of Regents [Policy 4.7.2, "Smoking"](#), issued in 1988; most recent revision December 2006.

[South Dakota Codified Law, 34-46-20](#)