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## Tobacco-Free Campus Policy University of St. Thomas

Consistent with the University of St. Thomas conviction to support the well-being of each member of our community, the University is committed to maintaining a tobacco-free campus. This commitment includes providing a healthy campus for all campus members and visitors.

The Tobacco-Free Campus Policy establishes a tobacco-free environment on all University owned or leased properties in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Consequently, the use, distribution or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device or carrying of any lighted smoking instrument, in University buildings or on University premises, or in University-owned, rented or leased vehicles, is prohibited. Buildings exempt from this policy are currently occupied residences designated for faculty and staff. After current residents move out, each unit will become tobacco-free space. Free distribution of tobacco products on campus or at University sponsored events is also prohibited.

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, clove cigarette, hookah smoked products, electronic cigarettes and any other smoking product; and smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as kip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form.

All tobacco industry promotions, advertising, marketing, and distribution are prohibited on campus properties. The sale of tobacco products and tobacco related merchandise (including logo containing items) is prohibited on all University property and at University sponsored events, regardless of the operating vendor.

Compliance with this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff and students as well as campus visitors not only to ensure that the University of St. Thomas is truly tobacco-free, but also to help and encourage others to comply with the policy.