

1. **Policy**

Lamar State College-Port Arthur recognizes its commitment to the emotional and physical well-being of its students, faculty, and staff. There is increasing concern, interest, and anxiety about the effects of secondary tobacco smoke on individuals exposed to it and the dangers associated with tobacco smoking. Lamar State College-Port Arthur acknowledges the seriousness of this problem and recognizes its obligation to promote public health on the campus by protecting its students, faculty, and staff from hazardous conditions which are within the College's ability to regulate.

2. **Regulations**

The following regulations have been adopted by Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

- 2.1. All campus buildings are designated "smoke free." Included in this designation are all instructional facilities; faculty, staff, and administrative offices; and student services areas.
- 2.2. Tobacco products include all types of tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, pipes and hookahs.
- 2.3. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited on campus.
- 2.4. The sale of tobacco products on campus is prohibited.
- 2.5. Smoking is prohibited in those campus-owned vehicles that are available for general use.
- 2.6. As used in this policy, the term "smoking" shall include all of the following:
 - 2.6.1. Carrying or holding a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment or device;
 - 2.6.2. Lighting a pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other smoking equipment or device;
 - 2.6.3. Emitting or exhaling the smoke of a pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other smoking equipment or device.
- 2.7. The *Tobacco Free Workplace Policy* applies to college facilities used by off-campus groups as well as college groups.

3. **Exemptions**

- 3.1. Artists or actors who participate in authorized performances that require smoking or the use of another tobacco product as part of artistic productions are exempt from this policy.

4. **Distribution**

The terms of the *Tobacco Free Workplace Policy* will be posted on the Lamar State College-Port Arthur webpage. The policy is available to all current employees and prospective employees prior to hiring. The terms of this policy will be distributed to all current students and published in all future editions of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur Catalog.