

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA

SUBJECT: TOBACCO USAGE RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED AREAS

PURPOSE: To uphold Louisiana law (LRS 40:1300.251 and LRS 40:1300.256) which prohibits smoking inside any public building and only in designated areas and the Louisiana Division of Administration Manual for State Buildings which states: *“Smoking shall be confined to the ‘designated’ exterior smoking areas of each facility ...and no smoking is allowed within 30 feet of any entrance/exit door for all facilities.”*

GENERAL POLICY

Smoking and tobacco use is prohibited inside all buildings, on building patios, breezeways, walkways and in the Quad on the campus of Louisiana State University Alexandria. Such use is also prohibited inside LSU Alexandria state registered property, such as automobiles, and in all leased vehicles. No tobacco use is allowed within 30 feet of any entrance/exit doors for all facilities on the campus of LSU Alexandria. This policy also applies to the use of electronic cigarettes.

Tobacco use at LSU Alexandria shall only be allowed in the following five (5) designated exterior areas, (1) *the designated area between the Science and Nursing Buildings’ Parking Lot (Lot 1) and the Science building;* (2) *the designated patio area between the Science Building and the Utility Plant alongside Grady Britt Drive;* (3) *the designated area adjacent to the east side of Parking Lot 10;* (4) *the designated area adjacent to the corner where Parking Lots 5 and 7 join;* and, (5) *the designated area at the Oaks Residence Hall.* Map showing designated areas is available at www.lsua.edu.

Clear designations, ashcans/urns and seating are provided; students, faculty, staff and visitors are requested to not dispose of cigarette butts or any other tobacco-related items in flowerbeds or on the grounds.

I. Enforcement & Sanctions

All 1st time violators (students, faculty, and staff) will be ticketed by the university police in the amount of \$10. This amount will double with each increasing violation. Use of all funds collected will be dedicated to the LSUA Healthy Living Initiative. All student violations and amounts incurred will be placed on his/her permanent university record

and is subject to an Accounting and/or Bursar Hold. All faculty and staff violators are held to the same standard and amount(s) incurred will be placed on his/her permanent university record through the LSU Alexandria Accounting Office. Repeat faculty/staff violators may be subject to a meeting with his/her supervisor if violations persist. All visitors in violation of the policy will be made aware and asked to comply. If the visitor chooses not to comply, he/she will be asked to leave the campus by university police.

- i. It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community and campus visitors to observe the provisions of this policy.
- ii. It is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors to uphold the honor of the university by affirming its commitment to this policy.
- iii. Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing violators of this policy.
- iv. Compliance with this policy by all students and employees is expected based on our commitment to a healthy environment to live, work and learn. Emphasis will be placed on creating a positive and healthy culture, and should be a cooperative effort, encouraged by all faculty, staff and students.

II. Cessation Support

LSU Alexandria is committed to support all students and employees who wish to stop smoking and using tobacco products. Assistance to students, faculty and staff is available and will be publicized regularly in student and staff publications and posted in residence halls and academic buildings, via Human Resources and the Department of Student Support. All revenue derived from the assessment of fines on violators will be reserved for tobacco-use cessation programs.

Tobacco cessation services are available on and off campus. They include but are not limited to the following:

- i. www.quitwithusla.org -The Quit With Us, LA website provides tobacco users with important information and tips for quitting, and offers links to online resources and free statewide cessation programs—all accessible from a single location.
- ii. **1-800-Quit Now** - The Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (QL), 1-800-QUIT-NOW, is an evidenced-based program which provides free confidential advice and support by trained tobacco cessation specialists to Louisiana residents ages 13 and older who want to quit tobacco use. Service is available in over 150 languages including English and Spanish.

