

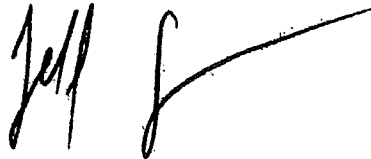
**Multnomah County, Oregon
Administrative Procedure FAC-19**

SUBJECT: Tobacco Free Campus Policy

PURPOSE: To protect employees and the public from the harms of and exposure to tobacco use

ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE: Health Department

CHAIR JEFF COGEN



DATE: May 25, 2012

ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: All Departments/Offices

LEGAL CITATION/ REFERENCE: ORS. 433.835-433.990, Resolution No. XX

I. Overview

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and arthritis, are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems in Multnomah County and U.S. The U.S. Surgeon General has determined that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and the use of tobacco are significant health hazards. Tobacco use is the leading modifiable health risk factor responsible for much of the illness, suffering, and early death related to chronic disease. Establishing tobacco free campuses will protect the public and employees from exposure to secondhand smoke, help people to quit and stay quit, as well as promote healthy community norms.

Multnomah County strives to build a community where everyone is healthy, to decrease chronic disease and health care costs, and to increase productivity of the local workforce. Multnomah County serves some of the most vulnerable members of the community who experience persistent health disparities. As a service provider and an employer, Multnomah County is committed to creating community settings and worksites that protect the public from the harms of and exposure to tobacco use.

II. Policy Standard

Due to the serious and well documented harms of tobacco use and tobacco smoke, the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times on Multnomah County campuses. This policy standard applies to all employees, visitors, clients, contractors and volunteers. It is the intent of Multnomah County to protect employees and the public from the harms of and exposure to tobacco use.

While this policy standard does not apply to leased properties, Multnomah County encourages property owners and lessors to adopt tobacco free campus standards for properties that the county does not own. Upon time to renew leases, county departments are strongly encouraged to apply this tobacco free campus policy standard into contract renewals, but are not required to do so at this time.

III. Definitions

Tobacco products: Includes any cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; and smokeless dissolvable or spit tobacco, also known as dip, orbs, strips, chew, snuff or snus, in any form including electronic cigarettes.

County campus: All interior spaces of facilities owned by Multnomah County, or on all outside property or grounds owned by Multnomah County, including parking areas.

IV. Implementation

This policy is the shared responsibility of all Multnomah County personnel. Employees are authorized and encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect and diplomacy, especially with regard to visitors. If difficulties arise with compliance, an employee shall notify security or a management-level staff member.

Management and supervisory staff are responsible for ongoing compliance with this policy within their work areas, including efforts to resolve any issues of noncompliance with employees.

As a part of implementation, Multnomah County Facilities will remove ashtrays or ash receptacles primarily used for disposing of tobacco litter on county campuses as well as post signage notifying the public about the tobacco free campus policy.

Multnomah County Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) will respond to requests for technical assistance to implement these policy standards and promote cessation resources. County Employee Benefits will provide information to employees about tobacco cessation resources.