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The Introduction:

On June 1, 2015, the University of New Haven became Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free. Smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, e-cigarettes and unregulated products are not permitted on any property, building or space occupied by the University of New Haven including but not limited to that which is owned, leased or managed on the Main Campus, North Campus, Sawmill Campus and Orange Campus.

This policy is based on the results of a 2014 survey of the UNH community and the goal to create a healthier learning and work environment for our students, faculty, staff and campus Visitors. Research shows that tobacco is the number one cause of avoidable death in the United

ago, the Surgeon General reported on the dangers of smoking and its direct ties to lung cancer. Even more research has been conducted which links secondhand smoke to many debilitating conditions including heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other cancers. Much progress has been made to educate on the effects of tobacco products and secondhand

(d) UNH Controlled Properties. Any property, building or space occupied by the University of New Haven including but not limited to that which is owned, leased or managed.

(e) Tobacco Free/Vape Free Areas. All common areas, classrooms, residence halls, elevators, hallways, university-owned and university-leased vehicles, personal vehicles while on university properties, restrooms, dining areas, conference and meeting rooms, all other enclosed areas on campus, garages, parking lots, outdoor grounds, quads, athletic fields, entrance and exit ways, and any other areas of the university campus.

9500.2 **Exceptions**

For educational purposes, research involving tobacco or tobacco products may be approved as an exception to this policy. Permission must be granted by the Institutional Review Board and Health Services Office, prior to conducting any research. This is to ensure the health and safety of any participants. Theatrical performances that require smoking to keep the integrity of the production may also be an exception. Permission for such performances must be granted by the Dean of Students Office, University Police and the Campus Fire Marshall.

9500.3 **Enforcement**

The responsibility for the enforcement and communication of this policy rests with all members of the university community. This policy applies equally to students, employees and visitors. Those who violate the policy may be subject to disciplinary action through the Office of Human Resources or the Office of the Dean of Students.

(a) Communication.

- 1)** Supervisors and managers on campus are responsible for leading by example and respectfully communicating the policy to employees, students, volunteers and visitors.
- 2)** Employees, students, volunteers and visitors who observe individuals using tobacco product on university controlled property are encouraged and empowered to respectfully explain that its use is prohibited at UNH and report the individual, if known, to Human Resources or the Office of the Dean of Students.
- 3)** Installation of signage will be placed at appropriately designated entrances and exits of Main Campus, North Campus and Orange Campus. Additional signage will be posted on entrances and exits to campus buildings and university owned and or leased vehicles.

(b) Compliance. All University of New Haven students, employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, visitors, and members of the public are required to adhere to this policy. Should repeated vio-27.88 -1(ubc)917(pC /P)4(8(e)-6(e)4(s)-1(, s)-1(t)-2(ude)4(nt)-2(s)-1(i)-2(3ul

