

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Rule

34.05.99.L1 Smoking, Tobacco Use, and Vaping Restrictions on Campus

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Rule Statement and Reason for Rule

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment on campus. To that end, it is the position of TAMIU to restrict smoking and tobacco use and prohibit all forms of vaping (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-cigars, etc.) within and surrounding its facilities in a manner that protects the health of employees, students and visitors and minimizes air quality concerns related to its facilities.

The purpose of this rule is to establish provisions for the restriction of smoking and tobacco use and the prohibition of vaping on the TAMIU campus.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. DESIGNATED AREAS FOR SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

- 1.1 Designated areas for smoking and tobacco use have been established on campus and are located along the outer perimeter of the campus (see map below). Smoking and tobacco use are limited to these designated areas.
- 1.2 The Office of Environmental Health and Safety must ensure that receptacles for the disposal of cigarette and cigar stubs are provided in designated areas.

2. PROHIBITION OF VAPING

Vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes have been associated with serious illness and deadly lung disease. In seeking to protect the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, The Texas A&M University System (System) has banned all forms of vaping (e.g., ecigarettes, e-cigars, etc.) on all System campuses, which includes all TAMIU facilities and parking lots.

3. ENFORCEMENT

This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of TAMIU employees, students and visitors. It is the responsibility of the entire campus community to observe the provisions of this rule. Compliance with this rule will be monitored by the University Police Department, and non-compliance may be subject to disciplinary action.

Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations, or SAP's

System Policy 34.05, Smoking

Definitions

Smoking has the definition ascribed in System Policy 34.05, Smoking.

Facilities has the meaning ascribed in <u>System Policy 34.05</u>, <u>Smoking</u> and includes student housing and all indoor air space including foyers, entryways, classrooms, and individual faculty and administrative offices.

Tobacco means all forms of tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, or other oral smoking devices, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco.

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