

UR 34.05.99.H 1 **Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus**



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Rule Statement

Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana) is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work and learning environment on all university-owned or leased property. In as much, all parts of campus are smoke and tobacco-free.

Reason for Rule

Public health and environmental agencies have found that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that nonsmokers who are exposed at home or work are subjected to a significantly increased risk of developing health related complications. Because of this, the [Texas A&M System Policy 34.05 Smoking](#) requires each system member to create a rule which restricts smoking in its facilities.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. SMOKE FREE POSITION

Effective January 1, 2020, Texas A&M-Texarkana and all the University-owned, -leased, and -controlled property and vehicles are non-smoking and tobacco-free. Non-smoking and tobacco-free shall include all forms of tobacco and smoking-type products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah) bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, other oral smoking devices, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco. The use of any of these products is prohibited on all university-owned or leased properties and in all vehicles owned, leased, or rented by A&M-Texarkana. This rule applies to all A&M-Texarkana athletic venues, both indoor and outdoor.

Prior to January 1, 2020, the use of tobacco and smoking-type products, including e-cigarettes, is restricted to the designated smoking areas ONLY and is prohibited from all other areas on campus, in campus controlled property and vehicles.

2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1. "No Smoking" signs will be prominently displayed in all buildings and vehicles covered by this rule.
- 2.2. The effectiveness of this rule depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. Each member of the university community is responsible for ensuring compliance.
- 2.3. University police personnel are responsible for enforcement of this rule. Individuals found in violation of this policy may be issued a citation, which may include monetary penalties as well as disciplinary penalties as applicable in faculty and staff disciplinary procedures and student code of conduct.
- 2.4. Correspondence shall be sent annually to all university staff, faculty, and students as a reminder of this policy.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 34.05 Smoking](#)

Contact Office

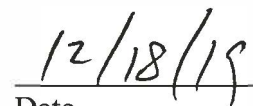
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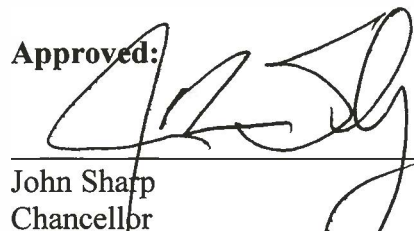
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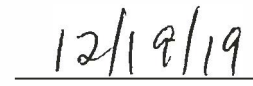
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