

07.09 SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Purpose

To protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke and to provide a clean and healthy environment for the college community.

Policy

RVCC is a smoke-free and tobacco-free environment. This includes all tobacco and electronic smoking/vaping devices. The policy prohibits the use by students, staff, faculty and visitors of tobacco products, vaping devices, electronic cigarettes, or any other form of ingestion of tobacco products and smoking anywhere on the college campus including in buildings, and classrooms on the grounds of the campus, in college leased vehicles, at sporting events or at any other indoor or outdoor event or activity.

Procedure

Persons in violation of this policy are subject to citations, fines, and/or other disciplinary actions.

Sanctions

- Security begins handing out tickets to people they observe smoking.
 - 1st offense: Warning
 - 2nd offense: \$25 fine
 - 3rd offense: \$50 fine
 - 4th and subsequent offenses: \$75

Appeals

Students who appeal may go to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. On a case-by-case basis, on-campus Community Service may be used ONCE as a substitute for the second offense.

Definitions

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, or any other substance that can be smoked, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form.

Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form.

Tobacco means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; but does

not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Summary of the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act

The New Jersey Legislature finds and declares that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the State and the nation. Tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the nonsmoking majority of the public. Electronic smoking devices have not been approved as to safety and efficacy by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and their use may pose a health risk to persons exposed to their smoke or vapor because of a known irritant contained therein and other substances that may, upon evaluation by that agency, be identified as potentially toxic to those inhaling the smoke or vapor. The separation of smoking and nonsmoking areas in indoor public places and workplaces does not eliminate the hazard to nonsmokers if these areas share a common ventilation system. It is clearly in the public interest to prohibit the smoking of tobacco products and the use of electronic smoking devices in all enclosed indoor places of public access and workplaces.

Full text of the NJ Smoke-Free Air Act: http://www.njgasp.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/sfaa_2010_w-ecigs.pdf

Responsible Office: Division of Human Resources

Responsible Executive: Executive Director of HR, Compliance & Security

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Communication – This policy is communicated to the College community in the following documents:

- College Catalog
- Faculty Handbook
- Student Handbook
- College Website