



<b>Policy Name:</b>	Smoke/Tobacco-Free Campus				
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Because Jones College is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for the students, faculty, and staff on its campus, it hereby adopts the following smoke-free and tobacco-free policy.

### Section 1. Findings and Intent.

The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General’s Report, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, has concluded that (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke; (2) children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks, and that smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung growth in their children; (3) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer; (4) there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; (5) establishing smoke-free workplaces is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and (6) evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smoke-free policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2006.)The smoking of tobacco, hookahs, or marijuana and the use of Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) are forms of air pollution and constitute both a danger to health and a material public nuisance.

Accordingly, the Jones College Board of Trustees finds and declares that the purposes of this policy are (1) to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco products, including ESDs, on all Jones College campuses; (2) to promote the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air, while recognizing that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke; and (3) to encourage a healthier, more productive living/learning environment for all members of our campus community.

### Section 2. Definitions.

- A. “Electronic Smoking Device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether

manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

- B. "Hookah" means a water pipe and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.
- C. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Article.
- D. "Tobacco Product" 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, ingestion, or absorption; 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.

### **Section 3. Smoking and Tobacco Use Prohibited on Jones College Campuses.**

In light of the above findings, all Jones College campuses shall be entirely smoke-free and tobacco-free.

The Smoke-free and Tobacco-Free Policy applies to all Jones College facilities, property, and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall not be permitted in any enclosed place, including, but not limited to, all offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, performance venues and private residential space within Jones College housing. Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall also be prohibited outdoors on all Jones College campus property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, paths, fields, sports/recreational areas, and stadiums, as well as in all personal vehicles while on campus. There will be no exemptions allowed in regards to this policy. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus, regardless of the purpose for their visit.

### **Section 4. Promotion and Sale of Smoking and Tobacco Products Prohibited on Jones College Campuses.**

In further recognition of the incompatibility of Jones College's educational mission and the promotion of smoking/tobacco products:

No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on Jones College property, at Jones College-sponsored events, or in publications produced by Jones College, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by Jones College and which is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on Jones College property. For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco related" applies to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern or colors, or any other indicia of product identical to or similar to, or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco products or company which manufactures tobacco products, or smoking products. No smoking products, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia shall be sold or distributed as samples on university grounds, either in vending machines, the student union, or any area on campus.

### **Section 5. Dissemination of Policy; Signage**

This policy will be posted on the Jones College website. Announcements concerning the policy and any changes to it are communicated through various media and posted on the Jones College website. No smoking signs shall be posted on Campus. No ashtrays shall be provided at any location on campus.

#### **Section 6. Enforcement of Policy; Penalties**

On-site smoking cessation programs shall be made available to assist and encourage individuals who wish to quit smoking. Student services shall administer this policy through existing departmental administrative channels and procedures.

#### **JONES COLLEGE STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Jones County Junior College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in its programs, activities, or employment practices. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries and grievances regarding the non-discrimination policies: (ADA/ Section 504) Wendy Evans, ADA Coordinator, Hutcheson Hubbard Administration Building, phone 601-477-2673; email [ADACoordinator@jcc.edu](mailto:ADACoordinator@jcc.edu) and (Title IX) Brittany Barron, Title IX Coordinator, Hutcheson Hubbard Administration Building, phone 601-477-4127; email [brittany.weatherford@jcc.edu](mailto:brittany.weatherford@jcc.edu). Jones County Junior College, [900 South Court Street, Ellisville, MS 39437](https://www.jonescc.edu).