



**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY AND RETITLE  
SMOKE, TOBACCO, AND VAPE-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY, 3356-4-01**

**WHEREAS**, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis;  
and

**WHEREAS**, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

**WHEREAS**, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy stated above and attached hereto.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 12, 2024  
YR 2025-24**

### **3356-4-01      Smoke-free environment.**

Responsible Division/Office: Finance and Business Operations

Responsible Officer: VP for Finance and Business Operations

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June 2015; December 2019; December 2024

Board Committee: Finance and Facilities

**Effective Date: December 12, 2024**

Next review: 2029

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- (A) Policy statement. Youngstown state university is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive work and living environment for its employees and students and adhering to the smoking prohibition requirements in Chapter 3794. of the Revised Code.
- (B) Scope. This policy applies to students, employees, visitors and third parties doing business on campus and to all university-owned, leased, or managed facilities, outdoor areas, and vehicles.
- (C) Purpose. To comply with state smoking law pursuant to Chapter 3794. of the Revised Code and to limit the university community to the effects of smoking, including secondhand smoke.
- (D) Definitions. “Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco product or plant product intended for inhalation in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” includes the use of an electronic smoking device and a vapor product. “Smoking” does not include the burning of incense in a religious ceremony.
- (E) Parameters. Smoking is prohibited in the following university locations:
  - (1) All university-owned or leased buildings and vehicles;
  - (2) Outdoor areas where smoke may enter the building through an entrance, overhang, windows, vents, loading dock or other openings to a building or other structure;
  - (3) All residence halls;
  - (4) Any outdoor patio that is not physically separated from a building;

- (5) All outdoor events, such as but not limited to athletic events, concerts, or other performances, award ceremonies, and public speakers;
  - (6) The Becker family fountain commons seating area outside of Kilcawley;
  - (7) All outdoor areas posted as non-smoking.
- (F) Violations of paragraphs (E)(1) to (E)(4) of this rule are violations of state law, Chapter 3794. of the Revised Code, and university policy. Violations of paragraphs (E)(5) to (E)(7) of this rule are violations of university policy only.
- (G) Smoking is permitted in the following places owned or leased by Youngstown state university:
  - (1) All outdoor areas not specifically listed in this rule; and
  - (2) Outdoor areas at least fifty feet away from the entrance, overhang, windows, vents, loading dock or other openings to a building or other structure, provided that smoke does not inadvertently enter the building.
- (H) Smoking cessation. Smoking cessation support is available to members of the university community wishing to cease smoking.
- (I) Procedures.
  - (1) Complaints of violations of this policy may be brought to the attention of the vice president of finance and administration. Complaints of violations of state law may also be brought in accordance with reporting guidelines provided by the Ohio department of health.
  - (2) “Smoking prohibited” signs will be posted in accordance with Chapter 3794. of the Revised Code.
  - (3) Smokers are required to dispose of all smoking litter in the receptacles provided in areas where smoking is permitted.

- (J) Enforcement. Individuals who violate this policy will be issued a university smoking prohibition warning, which could result in employee or student discipline. Individuals who violate state law and are reported to the department of health may be subject to fines and penalties.