

Policy Title: Alcoholic Beverages, Smoking and Tobacco Use

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Approval level: ☒ Board of Trustees
☐ President
☐ Vice President
☐ Other (specify here)

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is the establishment of alcoholic beverage and smoking policy for property owned or controlled by East Tennessee State University.

Policy

I. Alcoholic Beverages

- A. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on university owned or controlled property shall be prohibited except as provided below.
- B. The President may from time to time designate a place on property owned or controlled by the institution where alcoholic beverages may be served by alumni and foundation organizations at a function or event sponsored by said organization.
- C. This area shall not be in classrooms, labs, faculty or administrative offices, residence halls, student dining halls, student gathering areas, outdoor public areas, or athletic facilities accessible to the public. Furthermore, the use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages by students are prohibited on property owned or controlled by the institution.
- D. The sale of alcoholic beverages at the designated place is prohibited. State funds may not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- E. If Property owned by the University is disposed of by lease, it is permissible for the tenants of the lessee(s) to sell alcoholic beverages subject to approval by the institution of the tenants occupying the leased property.
- F. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations shall be required.
- G. This policy shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages as cooking supplies in hospitality management/culinary arts related academic coursework where said beverages are not consumed as is, but, in which, the beverages are used solely in the cooking process, or in the wine tasting process, in a manner that is consistent with standard culinary practices.

II. Smoking and Tobacco Use

- A. Effective August 11, 2008, ETSU is a Tobacco-Free Campus with smoking and all other tobacco usage permitted only in private vehicles. This policy applies to all university buildings/grounds; ETSU-affiliated off-campus locations and clinics; any buildings owned, leased, or rented by ETSU in all other areas; and ETSU facilities located on the campus of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home. Tobacco use is also prohibited in all state vehicles. This tobacco-free policy is in effect 24 hours a day year-round.
- B. For purposes of this policy, "tobacco use" means, but is not limited to, the personal use of any tobacco product, whether intended to be lit or not, which shall include smoking

tobacco or other substances that are lit and smoked, as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff; chewing tobacco; smokeless pouches; any form of loose-leaf, smokeless tobacco; and the use of unlit cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco.

1. Background

The university promotes a healthy, sanitary environment free from tobacco smoke and tobacco-related debris. The ETSU community acknowledges that long-term health hazards may accrue to people who use tobacco products or who are subjected to second-hand smoke. The failure to address the use of tobacco products on campus would constitute a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and Tennessee law.

2. Support

Understanding the addictive nature of tobacco products, ETSU will make every effort to assist those who may wish to stop using tobacco. The university offers current information about available resources via the Smoking Cessation Resources page.

3. Compliance

It is the responsibility of all members of the ETSU community to comply with this Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. Violations of the policy will be dealt with in a manner that is consistent with university procedures. There shall be no reprisals against anyone reporting violations of this policy.

4. Enforcement Policy

- C. Violations to the tobacco free policy, particularly reoccurring violations, are to be reported to Public Safety 439-4480.
- D. Any violator of the policy who refuses to comply or who becomes abusive toward the responsible party will be handled by Public Safety.