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TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Shorter University is dedicated to providing and promoting a healthy and productive working and learning environment for its faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, vendors and guests. The Tobacco-Free Policy, effective June 1, 2012, is consistent with that goal. The Policy is the result of many discussions within The President's Council, the Wellness Committee, and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Coalition. By endorsing this policy, Shorter University demonstrates its commitment to eliminating environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure, reduce harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, reduce health insurance and health care costs, promote best healthcare practices and choices for individuals, and establishing a university culture of wellness.

Shorter University is a tobacco-free campus. This policy applies to all University faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, vendors and guests at all times. Tobacco use includes any lighted tobacco product and/or any type of smokeless tobacco product. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited within the boundaries of each of the University's four campuses. The prohibited areas within each of the campuses' boundaries include all buildings, facilities, indoor and outdoor spaces and grounds owned, rented and licensed by the University. This policy also applies to parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, sports venues, University vehicles and private vehicles parked or operated on University property.

Campus Safety staff will also be responsible for reminding any faculty, staff, student, visitor, contractor, vendor or guest who is using tobacco on University property about the University's Tobacco-Free Policy.

Campus Safety staff will ask visitors using tobacco on University property to extinguish cigarettes, cigars or pipes or dispose of smokeless tobacco products. If a visitor refuses to comply with this request, Campus Safety staff may ask the visitor to leave campus (as is currently done when visitors violate the University's alcohol and drug policy).

Educational and cessation assistance programs will be offered to students, faculty and staff throughout the 2012/13 academic year to help them quit using tobacco products. The Wellness Committee will sponsor the cessation programs.

Appropriate signage will be posted in campus facilities, on the Shorter University website and elsewhere to inform members of the campus community and visitors of the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. The policy will be communicated in appropriate University publications and contracts. University publications include but are not limited to electronic notifications, handbooks, brochures and other University-generated materials.