

# College Tobacco Use Policy

## Rationale, Purpose, and Background

Mount Olive College has a long history of enhancing quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. As a leader in higher education, Mount Olive College has an obligation to not only develop minds, but to promote health enhancing behaviors and to provide an environment that enables improved health status. For years, there has been evidence that reducing tobacco usage can greatly decrease frequency of cancer, stroke, heart and lung disorders and several additional health related conditions. The U.S. Surgeon General's report (June, 2006) states " Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer." Second-hand smoke has been classified as a

Class A carcinogen—unsafe at any dose. In light of these health risks, Mount Olive College joins the American College Health Association (ACHA) in encouraging reduced campus-wide tobacco use. The ACHA and the U.S Public Health Service have goals to reduce the percentage of adults who smoke to below 12% by the year 2010 and to positively influence college students to help them remain or become tobacco-free. Efforts to reach such goals have led to significant reductions in the amount of tobacco products consumed, the number of people who smoke and the number of people exposed to second-hand smoke. By implementing the College Tobacco Use Policy, Mount Olive College is seeking to enhance the health of our students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus.

## Tobacco Use and Smoking Policy

Mount Olive College, in its efforts to create a healthier atmosphere for the campus community, strives to control exposure to secondhand smoke. It emphasizes prevention and education efforts that support non-use and that address the risks of tobacco use. In this process, Mount Olive College does not seek to force or require cessation of tobacco product use by its students, faculty, staff, or visitor. Mount Olive College seeks to uphold the personal rights and decision-making processes of all persons involved and resolves to provide educational interventions and cessation assistance for those individuals seeking assistance.

1. At Mount Olive College, smoking and tobacco use is prohibited in the following locations:

- On all parts of the campus (including all locations) that are outside of designated smoking areas (DSAs).
- Inside all campus buildings.
- Inside all campus athletic facilities, including baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, and all associated bleachers.
- In all college owned or leased vehicles.

Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) will have an approved cigarette butt receptacle at each DSA and the DSAs are located at the following locations:

- (1) Poole and Murphy Center Bldg
- (2) Kornegay Arena and Residence Hall Complex
- (3) Grantham Hall and Residence Hall Complex
- (4) Apartments and Everett Herring Hall and Annie Mae Whitfield Hall
- (5) Athletic Complex
- (6) Maintenance Complex
- (7) Fine Arts Area
- (8) Raper Hall and Communications Bldg
- (9) Library and Henderson Hall
- (10) Jim Coats House and Waylin Centre

Washington, under awning to right of main entrance, no entrance to building  
Wilmington, rear of building, right of door toward parking lot  
RTP, located outside the east and west ends of the building  
New Bern, extreme eastern end (beginning) of canopy at parking lot  
Jacksonville, edge of parking adjacent to picnic table

Note: DSA areas above label 1-10 can be viewed on the link to the map of Mount Olive College provided at end of this policy.

The number and location of these DSAs may be changed by the President, if needed.

2. The College is committed to prevention and education efforts that support non-use and address the risk of tobacco use. The College also offers programs and services that include practical steps to quit using tobacco products, including smoking-cessation resources.
3. Promotional advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco is prohibited on campus.
4. The sponsorship of any campus event by tobacco-promoting organizations is prohibited.
5. Smokers are expected to use ashtrays or otherwise properly dispose of their cigarette butts and to only smoke in designated areas.
6. All tobacco advertising in public spaces in College locations, such as billboard and signage, is prohibited.
7. This policy applies to trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, clients, and visitors.
8. Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in College publications.

## **Definition of Terms**

1. Tobacco Products: Includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes and chewing tobacco.
2. Students: Includes but is not limited to full-time day students, residential students, part-time students, commuter students, non-traditional students and other special students.
3. Campus: Includes any and all college owned, leased, or maintained property (includes all MOC locations) including but not limited to buildings, facilities, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots, and grounds.
4. College vehicle: This includes college owned, rented, or leased vehicles.

## **Policy Implementation**

It is the hope of Mount Olive College that students, employees, and visitors will recognize the value of this policy and voluntarily comply. Implementation and enforcement of this policy are the shared responsibility of the entire college community. Mount Olive College believes that for this policy to be effective, a self-enforcing culture needs to be the norm. Therefore, all members of the college community will be asked to courteously and tactfully inform individuals in violation of the College Tobacco Use Policy about the Policy.

Click on the link below to see the Mount Olive College Map which will identify the 10 Designated Smoking Areas at the Mount Olive location.

<https://www.moc.edu/home/dkeipper/CAMPUS%20MAP.pdf>