

**University of Nebraska Kearney  
Staff Senate  
Resolution Proposal**

**TOPIC:** TOBACCO-FREE UNK

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WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK) is committed to providing a safe, respectful, healthy and clean environment for all members of the university community; and

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming research and support concerning the harmful effects of tobacco related products; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 academic institutions of higher learning that have some sort of anti-tobacco policy; and

WHEREAS, many businesses in the city of Kearney, NE are tobacco-free (including Good Samaritan, Kearney Public Schools, Eaton, Buckle, Baldwin Filters, Cash-Wa Distributers); therefore be it

RESOLVED, the use, distribution, sale or advertisement of all forms of tobacco (including but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, pipes, hookah pipes, chew, snus, snuff, etc.) is prohibited within all university owned, leased or controlled buildings, walkways, arenas, playing fields, in university owned vehicles/motorized equipment and on University owned, leased or controlled property. This policy applies to all employees, students, faculty, vendors, contractors, visitors, and guests; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the success of this policy relies on the thoughtfulness, cooperation, communication and respect from all tobacco and non-tobacco users. It is the shared responsibility of the members of our campus community to adhere to this policy and encourage others to comply with this policy.

Individuals who refuse to comply or are consistently non-compliant may be reported through existing student, faculty, staff or guest administrative processes.

In the rare circumstance that an individual who is asked to comply with this policy becomes hostile, as with all policies, Campus Police may be contacted to assist in resolving the situation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there will be an appropriate transition period to communicate the new policy to our campus community, and provide support for members of our community who are dependent on tobacco; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy may be amended to allow the use of tobacco for special circumstances such as theater productions, academic research, etc.

UNK Staff Senate  
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Resolution of Support of a Tobacco-Free Campus

In an effort to show support for a campus that is committed to providing a safe, respectful, healthy and clean environment for all members of the University of Nebraska community, the Staff Senate of the University of Nebraska Kearney supports the following proposal:

**The use, distribution, sale or advertisement of all forms of tobacco (including but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, pipes, hookah pipes, chew, snus, snuff, etc.) is prohibited within all university owned, leased or controlled buildings, walkways, arenas, playing fields, in university owned vehicles/motorized equipment and on University owned, leased or controlled property. This policy applies to all employees, students, faculty, vendors, contractors, visitors, and guests.**

UNK Staff Senate recognizes that the success of this policy relies on the thoughtfulness, cooperation, communication and respect from all tobacco and non-tobacco users. It is the shared responsibility of the members of our campus community to adhere to this policy and encourage others to comply with this policy.

Individuals who refuse to comply or are consistently non-compliant may be reported through existing student, faculty, staff or guest administrative processes.

In the rare circumstance that an individual who is asked to comply with this policy becomes hostile, as with all policies, Campus Police may be contacted to assist in resolving the situation.

UNK Staff Senate also recognizes that there will be an appropriate transition period to communicate the new policy to our campus community, and provide support for members of our community who are dependent on tobacco.

Additionally, UNK Staff Senate recognizes that this policy may be amended to allow the use of tobacco for special circumstances such as theater productions, academic research, etc.