

## **SMOKE-FREE POLICY**

### **Rationale**

This Smoke-Free Policy of the University of Mindanao prohibits smoking within the campus grounds, including buildings and designated areas.

This policy is also in compliance of the Davao City Ordinance No. #0292-06, Comprehensive Anti-Smoking Ordinance that prohibits smoking in almost all public and enclosed places, with designated smoking areas for some establishments. This policy aims to create a smoke-free environment, including educational facilities, healthcare facilities, government offices, and public transportation. This city ordinance also includes provisions to protect minors from tobacco use, such as prohibiting the sale of cigarettes within 100 meters of learning facilities.

### **Scope**

This policy extends to all individuals on campus including students, faculty staff, parents, visitors.

### **Guiding Principles**

*Protection from Secondhand Smoke.* A primary goal is to shield non-smokers and individuals in enclosed spaces from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

*Comprehensive Coverage.* Smoke-free policies should apply to all indoor workplaces and open spaces, with limited exceptions.

*Designated Smoking Areas (Limited).* May allow designated outdoor smoking areas, these should be carefully regulated to minimize exposure to others.

*Enforcement and Monitoring.* Effective policies require robust enforcement mechanisms and ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance and identify areas for improvement.

*Education and Awareness.* Raising awareness about the dangers of smoking and the benefits of smoke-free environments is crucial for public support and compliance.

*Collaboration and Engagement.* Involve stakeholders to ensure implementation enforcement of smoke-free policies.

*Legal and Policy Foundation.* Smoke-free policies should be supported by strong legislation that is simple, clear, and enforceable.

*Adaptability and Improvement.* Policies should be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new scientific evidence and best practices.

*Setting a Good Example.* Shows students that tobacco use is not acceptable and can have a positive impact on their future health decisions.

### Disciplinary Consequences

In cases of violations, penalty indicated in Section IV. Misconduct/Misbehavior of the Code of Discipline will apply.

Signed:

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University President

### Reference

Section IV. Item No. 34. Misconduct/Misbehavior  
Davao City Ordinance #0292-06 – The Comprehensive Children and Family Support System in Davao