

Tobacco-free Policy

Calhoun Community College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students and visitors. The College recognizes the right of persons to make their own decisions about their personal use of tobacco products away from the College. However, in light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and the use of tobacco products are significant health hazards, it is the intent of the College to establish a tobacco-free environment on its campuses and in its vehicles. Consequently, the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco products, including the carrying of any lighted smoking instrument, in College buildings or in or upon other College premises or inside College owned, rented or leased vehicles is prohibited.

For the purposes of this policy, a "tobacco product" is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette (including electronic cigarettes), cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, or any other smoking product, as well as smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as dip, chew, snuff, or snus, in any form.

All College employees, students, visitors and contractors are required to comply with this policy, which shall remain in force at all times. Any College employee or student found to be in violation of the tobacco-free policy will be subject to a monetary fine. Tickets will be issued by campus police officers for violations of Calhoun's tobacco-free policy. Monetary fines will be imposed as follows:

Any Calhoun student found to have violated this policy shall be subject to the following fines:

1st Ticket	\$25.00 Fine
2nd Ticket	\$25.00 Fine

All fines must be paid within seven (7) days of ticketing. Fines that are not paid within the seven (7) days shall automatically double in amount.

A student who has pending fine or fines may not register for classes nor have transcripts released until all fines are paid in full.

Any student wishing to appeal a fine arising from the finding of a tobacco-free violation under this policy may do so with the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Patricia Wilson.