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TITLE: TOBACCO (SMOKE) FREE CAMPUS

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Policy No. 9.1011

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) complies with Louisiana Revised Statute Title 40- Public Health and Safety 40:1300.252 that prohibits smoking on state property and 40:1300.262 that enforces the implementation of the statute. BRCC provides a smoke-free environment and actively works to prevent the usage of tobacco products by employees, students, vendors, contractors, and guests at the College.

DEFINITION

Tobacco products includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookah-smoked products, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, nicotine products, electronic cigarettes, oral tobacco products, and unregulated high tech smoking devices. The use of these products on any property leased, owned, or controlled by BRCC is prohibited.

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

Compliance of the Tobacco (Smoke) Free Policy is mandatory for all employees, students, vendors, contractors, and guests at all BRCC locations

Enforcement Procedure

The enforcement of this BRCC Policy is sanctioned by La. Revised Statute §1300.262.

1. Any BRCC or local law enforcement officer may issue a citation and summons to appear before a court of proper jurisdiction for any violation of the Louisiana law.
2. Each citation shall be deposited by the issuing law enforcement officer with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense.
3. The court will notify the alleged violator of the time and place of his hearing or of his opportunity to plead guilty by the payment of his specified fine. Failure to appear or pay the fine may result in a contempt of court charge.

Penalties

The penalties established in this BRCC Policy are sanctioned by and aligned with La. Revised Statute §1300.256.

Employee:

1. Upon a first offense, be fined twenty-five dollars.
2. Upon second time shall be fined fifty dollars.



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3. Upon third or subsequent time shall be fined one hundred dollars.


Additional penalties for BRCC employees may include disciplinary action; students may be referred to the Dean of Students; contractors/vendors may experience the legal termination of an awarded contract, and/or be asked to leave the College.

Employer:

1. Any employer who is guilty of violating BRCC Policy shall, upon a first offense, be fined one hundred dollars.
2. Any employer who is guilty of violating BRCC Policy a second time shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars.
3. Any employer who is guilty of violating BRCC Policy a third or subsequent time shall be fined five hundred dollars.

Violations of this policy by the employer by contributing to the use of tobacco products at any BRCC location will result in fines given to the institution.

Acts 2006, No. 815, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Source of Policy: <u>Facilities</u>	Responsible Administrator: <u>Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration</u>
Related Policy: _____	LCTCS Policy Reference: <u>6.024</u>
Approved by:  Chancellor <u>Dennis F. Michaelis</u>	LCTCS Guideline Reference: <u>Smoke-Free Environment</u>
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