

# UAF Staff Council

## **Proposed Changes to Draft Regulations for R.02.09.040 Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campuses**

UAF Staff Council would like to suggest the following changes to the draft regulations that were sent by Chief Human Resources Officer Erik Seastedt on November 11th, 2015.

### R.02.09.040. Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campuses

Addition to Section D. Exclusions:

11. University designated smoking and tobacco use area(s) on University of Alaska campuses.
12. Use of smoking or tobacco related items in the performance of a University licensed play, or filming of a motion picture.

Rationale:

1. In the past four years there have been at least two shows by the UAF Theatre/Film department, that had characters smoking on stage. In both cases, special "stage cigarettes" were used that don't contain any actual tobacco. (Would fall under Section B.2. "non-tobacco plant product.")
2. Designated smoking / tobacco use areas are highly preferred by UAF staff and faculty (see attached survey results and resolution)
3. Designated smoking and tobacco use areas would create social pressure on tobacco users to smoke and use tobacco in those designated areas, thereby assisting in enforcing the smoke-free / tobacco-free policy. The enforcement of the policy would be more a community effort.
4. Without designated use areas, personal vehicles are the only place people may smoke on campus (Section D.1. Exclusions). Employees without a personal vehicle on campus would have to go off campus grounds to use tobacco. On the Fairbanks campus this would require a lot of time away from their work for employees who use tobacco.

5. Current draft regulations designate personal vehicles the only physical location that allows smoking and tobacco use on a UA campus. Research has shown that smoking in cars exposes occupants to substantially higher levels of tobacco biomarkers. (Studies <http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/23/1/51.abstract> and <http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/21/6/578.abstract?sid=27de2fe5-847b-4aee-a56b-aab0ad9342b7> News article <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-19946656>