

NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY

TOBACCO USAGE POLICY

POLICY #2009-07

I. Introduction

The Neuse Regional Library Board has adopted the following Tobacco Usage Policy acknowledging its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all patrons and staff. In accordance with this mission, the Library's headquarters in Kinston as well as all branches throughout Lenoir, Greene, and Jones Counties shall be tobacco free facilities.

II. Rules Governing Use

No patron or staff member is permitted to use any tobacco product within any Neuse Regional Library facility.

- A. No patron or staff member is permitted to use any tobacco product within any Neuse Regional Library facility.
- B. No patron or staff member is permitted to use any tobacco product on Library property including but not limited to entrances, covered walkways, and parking lots, with the exception of the Greene County Public Library. Tobacco usage at this library is prohibited in the Library itself and in the areas immediately adjacent to the Library's section of the Greene County Office Building.
- C. The term "tobacco" includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, and smoking pipes.
- D. Enforcement of the Tobacco Usage Policy is the responsibility of all Neuse Regional Library staff. In the event that proper staff intervention does not succeed and on-site security is not present, the appropriate law enforcement or public safety agency will be contacted.
- E. The first violation of this policy will result in a verbal warning by library staff or on-site security. Any further infraction will result in the offender being asked to leave the premises. Repeated violations of this policy may result in the offender being temporarily or permanently banned from the Library.

Revised and adopted by the Neuse Regional Library Board
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