



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 64 - SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

N.C.G.S. § 143-596.

Definitions.

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As used in this Article, unless the context clearly provides otherwise:

Constituent institution. - As defined in G.S. 116-2(4) and G.S. 116-4.

Grounds. - The area located and controlled by State government that is within 100 linear feet of any of the following:

- a.A State-owned building allocated to and occupied by State government.
- b.A State-owned building leased to a third party.
- c.A building owned by a third party and leased to State government.

Local government. - The local political subdivision of the State or any authority or body created by any ordinance or rules of any such entity.

Medical Faculty Practice Plan. - As defined in Article 37B of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

Nonsmoking area. - Any designated area where smoking is not permitted.

Public meeting. - Any assemblage authorized by State or local government or any subdivision of State or local government.

Restaurant. - Any building, structure, or area having a seating capacity of 50 or more patrons where food is available for eating on the premises in consideration of payment. The following are not included in determining seating capacity:

- a.Seats in any bar or lounge area of a restaurant.
- b.Seats in any separate room or section of a restaurant which is used exclusively for private functions.
- c.Seats in any open outside area.

Smoke, smokes, or smoking. - The use or possession of a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product.

State government. - The political unit for the State of North Carolina; including all agencies of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government.

The University of North Carolina. - As defined in Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

The University of North Carolina Health Care System. - As defined in Article 37A of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

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APPARATUS I
3 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1993	c. 367, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	2007	S.L. 2007-114, s. 1	AMENDED	
03	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 4.10(t)	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 116-2(4)	(null)(1)	"Constituent institution. - As defined in"
G.S. 116-4	(null)(1)	"As defined in G.S. 116-2(4) and"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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