

## **Change in the Pine Manor College Clean Air (Smoking) Policy:**

Pine Manor College takes seriously its obligation to provide a safe, and healthy environment for our community members and our guests. The College acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and/or passive, is a significant health hazard. Environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Class-A carcinogen, and there is no “safe” level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.

### **Policy**

With this in mind, and to support the health of our community, effective immediately, Pine Manor College is making changes to its policy on tobacco use. The first stage to begin January 4<sup>th</sup> is the establishment of two Clean Air Zones:

- 1) To the east of the College Entrance Road in the area comprising Dane, Annenberg, Abercrombie, Haldan, and the Arts Building.
- 2) The parking lot in front of the Ferry Building.
- 3) Smoking is not permitted in any building on campus, and this prohibition includes e-cigarettes, and hookahs. Individuals (including guests) will not be permitted to smoke in Clean Air Zones.

Signs will be posted prior to the beginning of the Spring Semester to identify the clean air zones on campus. In addition, maps and other information will be made available to the campus and general community explaining where smoking is permitted. We hope that this communication will give students, staff and the general public ample time to become aware of the upcoming change to our policy.

### **Definition of Smoking**

Smoking consists of burning or vaporizing any substance and then either inhaling or exhaling the product. This includes, but is not limited to, tobacco cigarettes, clove cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and hookah shisha, vaping and e-cigarettes. Smoking of illegal drugs is governed by the Alcohol and Drugs policy.

Individuals using designated smoking areas must extinguish smoking materials before exiting the area. Smoking materials must be disposed of properly. Improper disposal includes littering and any behavior which creates a fire hazard.

### **Compliance**

All community members are encouraged to support the community by assisting in the enforcement of this policy. Assistance can include providing education and verbal warnings.