

Use of College Outdoor Space, 7.12 Chapter 7: General Administrative

Responsible Office: Human Resources and Student Affairs

Applies to: All persons using College outdoor spaces for non-College sanctioned activities

BOT Approved: 11/19/2024

Policy: The Use of College Outdoor Space Policy recognizes freedoms guaranteed by the United States and Ohio Constitutions while promoting the free exchange of ideas and ensuring the safe, efficient operation of Rhodes State College by:

- Fostering free speech, assembly, and expressive activities on College property by all individuals, whether affiliated with the College or not;
- Maintaining an appropriate educational and work environment for all persons present on College property, including students, faculty, staff, customers, and visitors; and
- Ensuring the personal safety of all persons present on College property and protect College property and the property of individuals.

Guidelines:

I. Definitions

- a. **Free Speech:** As defined in the United States and Ohio Constitutions.
- b. **Outdoor Space:** All public areas on College property not located inside a building.

II. Policy Details:

The College is dedicated to protecting its property, students, guests and employees and to ensure the effective operation of educational, business and related activities of the College. Expressive activities on the College's campus may be subject to reasonable regulation with regard to the time, place and manner of the activities. The College will not consider the content of expressive activities when enforcing this Policy.

This Policy does not apply to use of College outdoor space for official events sponsored by the College. Expressive activities carried out under this Policy shall not be considered to be speech made by, on behalf of or endorsed by the College. This policy applies to all outdoor space controlled by the College. Use of College outdoor space is subject to the procedures in the Use of Outdoor Space Procedure 7.12(a). The ultimate responsibility for the event, and for all liability for any personal injury or property damage resulting from the event, rests with the user.

This Policy supersedes any provisions in any other earlier-adopted College policies that address similar or overlapping issues, such as use of outdoor space. Federal, state and local laws will be enforced as applicable

Users of College outdoor spaces are expected to comply with all relevant policies, including but not limited to: [Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy 7.01](#), [Tobacco-Free Campus Policy 7.05](#) and [Student Code of Conduct Policy 4.01](#)

Related Policies or Procedures:

[Use of College Outdoor Space Procedure 7.12\(a\)](#)

[Free Speech Policy 7.02](#)

[Free Speech Procedure 7.02\(a\)](#)

[Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy 7.01](#)

[Tobacco-Free Campus Policy 7.05](#)

[Student Code of Conduct Policy 4.01](#)

Compliance References:

[First Amendment to the United States Constitution](#)

[Article I, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution](#)

[Section 3345.0213 - Ohio Revised Code | Ohio Laws](#)

History:

	Date:	Reason:
Issued:	11/13/18	Original policy was reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees
Revised:	11/19/2024	Revised to separate policy from procedure

This policy and / or procedure provides operating principles for Human Resources issues at Rhodes State College. It supersedes any prior policy covering specific subject. This policy and/or procedure may be suspended, modified or cancelled as determined by the College. This policy and/or procedure does not create a contract of employment, nor is it a condition of employment between the College and its employees.