

**INTENT TO ADOPT UNIVERSITY REGULATION ON OPEN BURN AND OPEN FLAME OPERATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the University strives to protect life and property by reducing the risks posed to University buildings, property, and occupants from the use and operation of an open burn and open flame; and

WHEREAS, no person should kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any Open Burning unless it is: (1) approved by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) or the University of Virginia Medical Center Fire Protection Inspector's Office, as appropriate; and (2) conducted in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Statewide burning laws, and applicable local City and County codes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, no person should use an Open Flame or Open Flame Device unless it is: (1) approved by EHS or the UVA Medical Center Fire Protection Inspector's Office as appropriate; (2) conducted in accordance with applicable University or Medical Center procedures; and (3) conducted in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code; and

WHEREAS, no person should use an Open Flame or Open Flame Device in any place where flammable, combustible, or explosive material is utilized or stored; and

WHEREAS, no Open Burn or Open Flame Device should be used or operated in any University Facility or on University Property unless operated and managed in accordance with appropriate policies and safety protocols; and

WHEREAS, the University first approved University Policy SEC-032: Open Burn and Open Flame Operations at the University of Virginia on January 18, 2013, and adopted revisions to the University Policy on September 13, 2017, prohibiting these activities and providing a process for seeking permission to conduct such activities in appropriate circumstances;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors directs and authorizes the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer to take such necessary action to prepare the University Policy SEC-032: Open Burn and Open Flame Operations at the University of Virginia for approval as a University Regulation, for publication in the Virginia Register, and for later publication in the Virginia Administrative Code.