

## **7.16 - SIGNS, BANNERS, AND CHALKING ON CAMPUS**

**Effective:** May 1, 2025

**Purpose:** To outline the requirements for posting signs, banners, or sidewalk chalk on campus.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all University facilities campus wide.

**Responsible Office:** Campus and Facilities

**Policy Statement:** Temporary placement of signs, banners (indoors and outdoors), or sidewalk chalking on campus is restricted to the promotion of official University events, student body elections, and academic activities.

Chalking or painting or marking buildings, structures, fences, etc., is strictly prohibited.

### **Chalking Activities**

Noncommercial chalking (not including chalk paint, spray paint, or any other permanent medium) that is consistent with the established principles of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is permitted only on sidewalks on campus and on pedestrian surfaces in Union Square and on Morse Road. Chalking is not permitted in parking lots, on any walls, buildings, or other structures, or on any street on campus open to motor vehicle traffic (not including Morse Road). Chalking is to be done in chalk only. No other types of markers may be used. Chalking may be removed by the University at any time and will be removed after forty-eight (48) hours unless arrangements have been made with the University's Conference & Scheduling Office for a longer period.

Members of the campus community are permitted to engage in non-commercial chalking in the following areas and locations of campus:

- Sidewalks on campus.
- Pedestrian surfaces in Union Square.
- Pedestrian surfaces on Morse Road.

**Definitions:** All words and phrases shall be interpreted utilizing their plain meanings unless otherwise defined in another University or Board of Regents policy or by statute or regulation.

Temporary placement – Temporary placement is generally considered to be any duration of time less than four (4) hours.

**Procedures:** All procedures linked and related to the policies above shall have the full force and effect of policy if said procedures have first been properly approved by the University's administrator in charge of Campus and Facilities procedures.

[Hyperlink to Campus and Facilities procedures]

**Related Policy Information:** [Include here any supporting information for this policy]

**History:**      Adopted: 03/19/2012 [Passed by Facilities Counsel, approved by President, and included in UPM as Policy 3P.10]  
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