

**§ 143-596. Definitions.**

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

- (1) Constituent institution. – As defined in G.S. 116-2(4) and G.S. 116-4.
- (1a) 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.
- (1b) Local government. – The local political subdivision of the State or any authority or body created by any ordinance or rules of any such entity.
- (1c) Medical Faculty Practice Plan. – As defined in G.S. 116-40.6.
- (2) Nonsmoking area. – Any designated area where smoking is not permitted.
- (3) Public meeting. – Any assemblage authorized by State or local government or any subdivision of State or local government.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Smoke, smokes, or smoking. – The use or possession of a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product.
- (6) State government. – The political unit for the State of North Carolina; including all agencies of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government.
- (7) The University of North Carolina. – As defined in Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.
- (8) The University of North Carolina Health Care System. – As defined in G.S. 116-37. (1993, c. 367, s. 1; 2007-114, s. 1.)