

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78

EFFECTIVE: December 15, 2000

SUBJECT: RESTRICTION OF WEAPONS AT METRO FACILITIES (replaces Executive Order No. 64 dated July 22, 1996)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Executive Order is to set forth policies restricting weapons at Metro facilities.

I. GENERAL

Metro is committed to providing all employees with a safe workplace, free from prejudice, harassment, intimidation, and violence. This policy is an important part of ensuring a safe workplace.

II. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A. General Rule No member of the public while on Metro property, including Metro owned or leased parking areas, or Metro employee while on duty, whether on Metro property or not, shall:

- (1) Possess a loaded or unloaded firearm. "Firearm" means a weapon, by whatever name known, including pistol, revolver, gun, or rifle, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, compressed air, or spring.
- (2) Possess a dangerous weapon. "Dangerous weapon" means metal knuckles, straight razor, weapon of the type commonly known as a nunchaku, blackjack, sap, or sap glove, slingshot, bomb or bombshell, and any type of knife other than an ordinary pocketknife with a blade not longer than three and one-half inches. When carried with intent to use the same unlawfully against another, "dangerous weapon" also includes any instrument or device capable of inflicting injury to the person or property of another.
- (3) Possess or discharge fireworks or explosives of any nature.

B. Exceptions The general rule set forth in Section II(A) shall not apply to:

- (1) Persons not employed by Metro who are authorized by ORS 166.370 to possess a firearm or dangerous weapon in a public building; or

- (2) Metro employees who have been authorized specifically and in writing by the Metro Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer to possess firearms or dangerous weapons as part of their job duties; and
- (3) Metro Oregon Zoo employees who have been authorized by the Zoo Director to possess and use firearms in accordance with the Metro Oregon Zoo's Emergency Firearms Policy. Possession of firearms or dangerous weapons by persons not employed by the Metro Oregon Zoo shall be governed by Metro Code Section 4.01.060(m).

Ordered by the Executive Officer this 15th day of December, 2000.



Mike Burton, Executive Officer