

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 166

Whereas the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, following a one-year trial, no smoking policy at the Portland Civic Stadium, has a need to establish a no smoking policy for the public seating area and the public rest rooms at Portland Civic Stadium which allows for designated smoking sections.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission established a one-year trial policy prohibiting smoking in the public seating area and the public rest rooms of the Portland Civic Stadium. Smoking allowed on the outer concourse.

2. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission amended the no smoking policy to allow designated smoking sections in the public seating area during the baseball season.

3. That the staff of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has monitored on an event-by-event basis the no smoking policy at the Portland Civic Stadium.

4. That the staff of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has received requests from the public to establish smoking sections during the football season.

5. That the staff of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission recognizes that the lack of established, designated smoking sections during Portland State University football games contributes to the heavy congestion on the outer concourse of Portland Civic Stadium.

6. That, as managers of public assembly facilities, our patrons have a right to expect and it is indeed our duty to provide entertainment in a safe and enjoyable environment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission approves Resolution No. 166 adopting a no smoking policy whereby there will be designated smoking and non-smoking sections in the public seating areas of Portland Civic Stadium, with the rest rooms, aisleways and vomitories being designated non-smoking areas and the outer concourse being designated a smoking area.

Passed by the Commission on this 11 day of March, 1992.



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Metro General Counsel



Memorial Coliseum Complex

Civic Stadium

March 4, 1992

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Policy Committee

FROM: *TJF* Tim Fennell, Facility Director
Portland Memorial Coliseum/Civic Stadium

SUBJECT: Smoking Policy/Civic Stadium

Background

During the December, 1990, Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission meeting, a one-year, trial, no smoking policy for the public seating area and the public rest rooms of Portland Civic Stadium was established. At the request of the Portland Beavers Baseball Club, this policy was amended by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission during their April, 1991 meeting to allow designated smoking sections during the baseball season (April thru August). During the month of September (football season) thru the close of the season (December), all public seating sections, public rest rooms, and the Stadium floor, if open to the public, were designated non-smoking areas for all events during this time period. Smoking was allowed on the outer concourse for every event.

Update

In April of 1991, the no smoking policy at Portland Civic Stadium was amended to allow designated smoking areas. During the past year, staff has been monitoring the no smoking policy on an event-by-event basis. During the baseball season, when designated smoking sections were allowed, staff received few complaints from patrons and the crowds on the outer concourse during intermissions were tolerable. During the football season, when smoking sections were not allowed, staff received numerous complaints from patrons requesting smoking sections. Our food service contractor has informed us that when crowds exceed 7,000, as is the case with Portland State football games, it becomes increasingly difficult to service the concession stands due to the increased congestion on the outer concourse contributed by the increasing number of smokers utilizing this area.

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Staff has discussed this situation with the Portland Beavers Baseball Club, Portland State University Athletic Department, and the Portland Public School's Athletic Department.

Recommendation

It is staff's recommendation that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission establish a new no smoking policy allowing for established, designated non smoking sections, as well as established, designated smoking sections throughout the Stadium season (baseball and football).

Staff recommends the following:

	<u>Baseball Season</u>	<u>Football Season</u>
No Smoking Sections:	7-18	3-20
Smoking Sections:	1-6 & 19-29	1-2 & 21-29

Smoking is not allowed in the public rest rooms or on the Stadium floor.

Smoking is allowed on the outer concourse.

TF:jc


Metropolitan Exposition - Recreation Commission

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MEMO

March 5, 1992

TO: MERC Policy Committee & Coliseum/Stadium
Liaison Commissioners
Sam Brooks
Ben Middleton
Ron Kawamoto
Cliff Carlsen

FROM: Lee Fehrenkamp 

SUBJECT: Civic Stadium No-Smoking Policy

The Commission adopted a no-smoking policy for Civic Stadium for a one year trial period. Tim Fennell has discussed the pluses and minuses of this policy with our major stadium tenants and is recommending the adoption of a new no-smoking policy based on evaluation of the trial year.

I would like to have this new policy in place before the Baseball season begins in early April.

cc: Tim Fennell