

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-16**

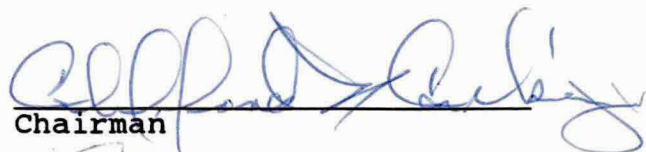
Eliminating smoking from all interior spaces of all buildings of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, effective November 1, 1993.

**The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:**

1. That the City of Portland has adopted measures to eliminate smoking in all of its public buildings;
2. That the staff of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts has received mounting complaints about smoking in all areas of our facilities;
3. That there is growing awareness and concern throughout the United States that second hand (passive) smoking is a dangerous health hazard. Epidemiological studies and reviews are strengthening the evidence that passive smoking harms the health of people who inhale the toxic fumes generated by smokers--such indirect, or second hand (passive) smoking causes death by lung cancer and by heart disease;
4. That cigarette smoking is a known carcinogen;
5. That performing arts facilities throughout the United States are eliminating smoking from all areas of their facilities;
6. That the Oregon Health Division supports the elimination of smoking from all areas of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts;
7. That as directors of public assembly facilities our patrons, performers and employees have a right to expect, and it is indeed our duty, to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which to work and experience entertainment;
8. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has the authority to set the smoking policy for the Portland Center for the Performing Arts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission declares all interior areas of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts which includes Portland Civic Auditorium, the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall and the New Theatre Building housing the Intermediate and Winningstad Theatres to be non-smoking areas.

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MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda/Item Issue: Smoking Policy for PCPA Buildings.

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Date: August 17, 1993 Presented By: Robert A. Freedman

Background and Analysis: An increasing number of public assembly facilities are adopting policies which eliminate smoking in their facilities. Staff has reviewed smoking in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts facilities and strongly recommends that smoking be eliminated in all interior spaces of the buildings. Smoking would be permitted on the balconies of the New Theatre Building and the Portico/overhand at Civic Auditorium. For those that wish to exit facilities during events that require security concerns, mechanisms would be developed to allow patrons to exit the building and return. Such mechanisms would likely include a hand stamp and a ticket stub for the event to return to the building. No additional staff would be required as ticket takers already on call for the event could perform this function.

Currently smoking is permitted in designated areas of the performing arts center buildings such as the stairwells of the Civic Auditorium,, the Rotunda (Heather Hall) of the New Theatre Building and certain outer lobbies of the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Discussion with Commission: Staff, at the time of this writing, has reviewed the policy with PCPA Advisory Committee Operations Committee and plans to review it with the Advisory Committee, Liaison Commissioners and to send it to users of PCPA facilities for comment.

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution eliminating smoking from all interior spaces of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.