

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 194

Expanding the Portland Memorial Coliseum's upper concourse non-smoking area to include the northwest corner of the upper concourse, effective October 1, 1992

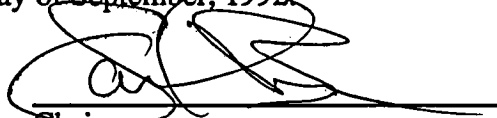
The Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission finds:

1. That the staff of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission has received numerous complaints from patrons pertaining to the lack of sufficient non-smoking areas on the upper concourse of the Portland Memorial Coliseum.
2. That the Oregon Health Division's Department of Human Resources supports the expansion of the non-smoking areas on the upper concourse of the Portland Memorial Coliseum.
3. That there is a 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 smoke is a known carcinogen.
5. That as directors 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.
6. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has the authority to set the smoking policy in the Portland Memorial Coliseum.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That staff is authorized to increase the non-smoking area of the Portland Memorial Coliseum's upper concourse to include the northwest corner of the upper concourse, effective October 1, 1992.

Passed by the Commission on this Ninth day of September, 1992.



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED TO FORM:



Metro General Counsel



## Memorial Coliseum Complex

### Civic Stadium

September 1, 1992

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

FROM: Timothy J. Fennell, Facility Director *TJF*

SUBJECT: Expanding the non-smoking concourse area at the Portland Memorial Coliseum

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#### Background

In 1981, Oregon passed the "Indoor Clean Air Act". The law went into effect in July, 1983. It was designed to protect the public health, comfort and environment by prohibiting smoking in public places, except in designated areas. However, in Oregon smokers are free to smoke where they like since there are no laws against smoking or laws against smoking in public. The Oregon "Indoor Clean Air Act" regulates smoking in public places very loosely. The Act only requires managers, or people in charge of public facilities, building lobbies, auditoriums, stores, schools and the like to post a "Smoking in Designated Areas Only" sign in public access areas. The only violations are if you don't put up a sign, or if you leave ash trays in the no smoking area. Unfortunately, the Oregon "Indoor Clean Air Act" does not have a lot of strength in it.

#### Update

Currently the Coliseum bans smoking from the arena seating area and designates only one-half of the concourse as a non-smoking area (the Commission increased the non-smoking area from one-quarter to one-half during their September, 1991 meeting) . Smoking is not allowed in the public rest rooms and signs have been posted in these areas. The Coliseum continues to receive complaints from patrons pertaining to limited non-smoking areas on the concourse level. Epidemiological studies and reviews are strengthening the evidence that second-hand, or passive smoke, is a health hazard.

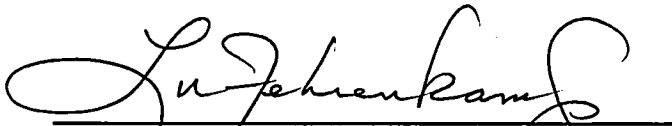
The Coliseum's two major tenants: the Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland Winter Hawks support increasing the non-smoking area of the upper concourse.

Recommendations

Staff has met with the Coliseum's liaison commissioners (Ron Kawamoto and Cliff Carlsen) and in concurrence it is staff's recommendation to increase the non-smoking area from the current one-half of the upper concourse to three-quarters of the concourse. The northeast, northwest and southwest quarters of the upper concourse would be non-smoking areas. The southeast quarter of the upper concourse would remain a smoking area. The vestibule and the covered outdoor area, as you enter the main entrance, would be used as a smoking area during intermissions. Proper and sufficient signage would be posted, as well as public address messages educating the public to the non-smoking areas.

In addition, staff recommends that the Commission consider eliminating smoking completely within the Coliseum during public events, effective prior to the start of the 93/94 basketball/hockey season.

General Manager's Concurrence:

  
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Lee Fehrenkamp, General Manager

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