

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution 95-29

Authorizing the Stadium Manager to enter into a Limited License Agreement between the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and Portland State University for college football.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. Portland State University currently uses Civic Stadium for its football program and wishes to continue to do so;
2. Portland State University has made bid to enter the Big Sky Conference to enhance and expand its Athletic Program;
3. Portland State University desires a three-year Civic Stadium commitment to coincide with its probationary period in the new conference;
4. Negotiations have been concluded between Portland State University and M.E.R.C. staff and are satisfactory to both parties;


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission approves and authorizes the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to sign the attached Limited License Agreement with Portland State University.

Passed by the Commission on June 14, 1995.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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## MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: Three-Year Limited License Agreement with Portland State University for Football Program

DATE: June 14, 1995

Presented by: Candy Cavanagh

**Background and Analysis:** Portland State University has been contracting with Civic Stadium for many years to present their home football season games at the facility. Up to this point, the agreement have been initiated annually between the Stadium Manager and the PSU Athletic Department. Portland State University has now taken a big step and put in a bid to advance into NCAA Division I (most sports)/NCAA Division I-AA (football) as part of the Big Sky Conference beginning in 1996. There are several advantages surrounding this move: ease in scheduling and recruiting, lower travel costs, attendance increase because of closer rivalries and better visibility for the University within the community.

PSU must complete a probationary period of two (2) years and is looking for stability within their budget expense. The Stadium Manager has been in on-going negotiations with PSU staff and an agreeable set of terms has been reached. The terms have been reviewed by MERC's accounting staff and General Manager.

**Fiscal Impact:** Conservatively, the proposed agreement would increase Stadium revenues slightly. If significant attendance increases take place, Stadium revenues will increase proportionately.

**Discussions with Commission Liaisons and/or User Groups:** Full discussions have taken place with PSU Athletic and Financial Management staff members.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Commission approve and authorize the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to sign the attached three-year Limited License Agreement with Portland State University.