

# METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 99-37

Approving revised prices on selected items at the Backstage Café at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

### The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. That the cost of products and labor for concessions at PCPA has increased as a result of the market and of increases in the State of Oregon minimum wage requirements; and
2. That prices for buffet items at the Backstage Café at PCPA should be increased to maintain an appropriate margin of income and profit in relation to the costs for product and labor; and
3. That the recommended increases on selected buffet items achieve prices which are competitive in the market at comparable locations;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Metro E-R Commission approves the following prices at the Backstage Café of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

Full Buffet	\$ 15.50
Vegetarian Buffet	\$ 11.50
Dessert Buffet	\$ 6.25

Passed by the Commission on September 15, 1999.

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## MERC STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item/Issue: Approval of Price Changes for Café Items at PCPA**

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**Date: September 15, 1999**

**Presented by: Harriet Sherburne**

**BACKGROUND:** In August 1997, the Commission passed Resolution 97-39 approving the Concessions Menu and Price List for the Performing Arts Center as recommended by MERC's concessionaire. ARAMARK has now analyzed prices for comparable items elsewhere in the market, as well as current pricing, to reflect the increased cost of product, in an effort to maintain an appropriate margin of earnings. Major factors in the analysis are the impact of Oregon's minimum wage with a \$.50/hour increase in 1998; the average increased cost of food and beverage products by 4%/year, and the effort to remain at a competitive price within the local market. The recommended changes for The Backstage Café prices are as follows:

Full Buffet	Now	\$ 13.50	Proposed	\$ 15.50
Vegetarian Buffet	Now	9.50	Proposed	11.50
Dessert Buffet	Now	5.25	Proposed	6.25

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The changes are intended to maintain an appropriate margin of profit for the Concessions operations, toward attaining budgeted net earnings for the year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommended that the Commission approve the revised prices as attached for immediate implementation.