

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH
ORDINANCE NO. 556

An Ordinance prohibiting smoking in County facilities, effective January 1, 1988.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS

1. Tobacco smoking is a major cause of cancer of the lung, mouth, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, and bladder, and is a major contributor to ischemic heart disease and obstructive lung disease; and
2. Tobacco smoke is recognized as a major contributor to indoor air pollution; and
3. Tobacco smoke is associated with adverse health effects on nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke, including headache, coughing, rhinitis, eye and throat irritations, decreased exercise tolerance, decreased respiratory function, bronchoconstriction, bronchospasm, respiratory infection, and increased risk of lung cancer; and
4. Smoking is a potential cause of fires, and increases costs for repair, maintenance, and cleaning of offices and equipment.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and welfare of all County employees, clients, contractors, and visitors to County facilities; and to reduce costs for repair, maintenance and cleaning; and to reduce the chance of fires.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance:

(A) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, pipe, cigarette, weed, plant, or other combustible material in any form.

(B) "County facility" means an enclosed space that is owned, leased, or rented by the County as a temporary or permanent place of employment for its employees. It includes but is not limited to buildings, portions of buildings, cars, and trucks.

SECTION IV. POLICY

Effective January 1, 1988, smoking shall be prohibited in all County facilities, including but not limited to offices, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, lunch rooms, elevators, clinic areas, meeting rooms, and community work areas. The prohibition shall apply to all employees, clients, contractors, and visitors.

SECTION V. PROCEDURES

The County Chair shall promulgate appropriate administrative procedures to implement this ordinance.

SECTION VI. EXEMPTIONS

All secure areas of M.C.D.C., M.C..C.F.. and the Multnomah County Courthouse Jail are exempt from the nonsmoking policy.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 1987, being the date of its 2nd reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.



By Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair

AUTHENTICATED this 25th day of June, 1987

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON