

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting the Guiding Principles for Alcohol Availability and Supporting the Existing Policy of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Memorial Coliseum)
) **RESOLUTION**
) **94-216**
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WHEREAS, Multnomah County adopts the Guiding Principles for Alcohol Availability as developed by the Regional Drug Initiative to guide policy for public action regarding the availability of alcohol in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Arena Corporation has requested a change of policy at Memorial Coliseum that would permit alcoholic beverages to be consumed in seating areas; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Arena Corporation has shown that existing policy of confining alcohol consumption to the concourse and basement bars works well; and

WHEREAS, neither Portland Trailblazers fans nor the general public have been shown to favor an extension of consumption to seating areas; and

WHEREAS, expanding alcohol consumption is contrary to Oregon public policy opposing drunken driving and other alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission clearly stated reasons for opposing expanding areas for alcohol consumption in a July, 1993, letter to the Oregon Arena Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the image and impact that the Trailblazers have on the youth of the community are directly affected by the decisions in regards to alcohol made by the Oregon Arena Corporation; and

WHEREAS, alcohol consumption in seating areas would reduce the family-oriented environment at Memorial Coliseum and increase chances of alcohol consumption by minors; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners expresses its support of continuing existing policy on the sale of alcoholic beverages in

Memorial Coliseum, extending that policy to the Rose Garden, and encourages the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to continue existing state policy; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that on questions of alcohol availability, the Multnomah County Alcohol and Drug Program Office will be allowed to advise the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and other interested governmental bodies.

APPROVED this 10th day of November, 1994.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Beverly Stein

Beverly Stein, Chair

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