

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

Adopting a Tobacco Free Campus Policy for Multnomah County:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

1. Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death in Multnomah County and U.S., causing cancer, heart disease and strokes.
2. Exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death and kills 53,000 non-smokers in the U.S. each year. It causes cancer, heart disease, strokes and many other illnesses. Secondhand smoke also exacerbates other medical conditions such as asthma, emphysema, heart failure and anemia. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
3. Multnomah County alone spends \$212 million in medical care for tobacco related illness and loses \$193 million to decreased productivity each year.
4. Establishing tobacco-free buildings and campuses will protect the public and employees from exposure to secondhand smoke, help people to quit and stay quit, as well as promote healthy community norms.
5. Multnomah County recognizes its responsibility to implement evidence-based practices that promote healthy living, and this resolution reflects the county's continued commitment to be an acknowledged public health leader.
6. Multnomah County strives to build a community where everyone is healthy, to decrease chronic disease and health care costs, and to increase productivity of the local workforce. Multnomah County serves some of the most vulnerable members of the community who experience persistent health disparities. As a service provider and an employer, Multnomah County is committed to creating community settings and worksites that promote healthy eating, physical activity, and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. That effective July 1, 2012, Multnomah County will adopt a Tobacco Free Campus Policy for all County owned buildings and properties.

2. The Health Department is directed to work with the Department of County Management to update applicable Administrative Procedures and to provide technical assistance to departments and programs to implement the Tobacco Free Campus Policy.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

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