

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-193

AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SMOKING POLICY OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority established a policy designating "no smoking" facilities pursuant to Resolution No. 1977-262, on September 6, 1977, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted a Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual on August 21, 2001, as amended on May 21, 2002, which contains policies establishing a "smoke-free" indoor workplace for employees, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to periodically review and amend the Smoking Policy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is aware of the health hazards associated with second hand smoke which may affect both employees and customers in indoor and outdoor locations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to enhance the comfort and safety of customers, employees and passengers by establishing a "smoke-free" environment for all transit customers, employees and passengers, including those visiting RTA facilities or experiencing the "transit-waiting" environment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. It is the policy of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority that employees, customers and passengers shall be afforded, to the extent possible, a smoke-free environment whenever at work or while using the transit system, including the "transit-waiting" environment. The General Manager/Secretary Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to prohibit smoking in all revenue and non-revenue motor vehicles, rail vehicles, and at all indoor and outdoor areas of transit facilities, workplaces, and all other buildings owned, leased or rented by the Authority. The General Manager/Secretary Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to post signs as necessary clearly prohibiting smoking at these facilities.

Section 2. Resolution No. 1977-262, adopted September 6, 1977, is hereby rescinded.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: October 17, 2006

President

Attest: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SMOKING POLICY OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Resolution No.: 2006-193
	Date: October 17, 2006
	Initiator: Legal Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: The proposed resolution revises the smoking policy of the Authority. Currently, under applicable Board resolutions, smoking is prohibited only on board buses and trains, and in indoor employee workplaces. The resolution would expand the areas where smoking is prohibited to include all indoor and outdoor locations owned or under the control of the Authority. The areas affected by the change include: 1) indoor and outdoor areas open to the public and to customers, such as rail stations, transit centers, park & ride facilities, and bus shelters located on GCRTA property, 2) outdoor portions of employee workplaces, and 3) motor and rail vehicles not in revenue service.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The purpose of the proposed resolution is to improve the comfort of customers while in the "transit waiting environment" and while otherwise visiting GCRTA facilities, and to address the problem of second-hand smoke in employee workplaces.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Not applicable.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Not applicable.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: The change in policy is designed to make public transit more attractive to the public by eliminating deleterious and unpleasant exposure to second-hand smoke in publicly accessible portions of Authority property. The policy change will also discourage smoking by employees while at work.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: See #5 above. Making public transit more attractive to the public may result in an increase in ridership.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: No action is required. However, the use of tobacco products on Authority property has been determined to negatively impact the overall experience of customers.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer