

ORDINANCE NO. 97-87

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
A SMOKING POLICY GOVERNING  
ALL PUBLIC AREAS OF CHICAGO  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Smoking and tobacco related issues have become a major concern of the general public; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority in its commitment to providing its employees with a healthy work environment has previously enacted certain policies which govern smoking in the work place; and

WHEREAS, Reliable studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to air pollution and that breathing second hand smoke may cause lung cancer and other diseases in healthy non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority desires to provide its passengers with a healthy and safe environment when availing themselves of the public areas of CTA's services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Smoking results in increased litter thereby increasing the expense of cleaning public areas of CTA facilities and

WHEREAS, The disposal of cigarettes on wooden elevated platforms or in trash baskets on platforms can create a potential fire hazard and further the disposal of cigarettes on any platform surface or in the rail wells creates an unsightly and trashy appearance; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That the Chicago Transit Board hereby adopts a policy prohibiting smoking in all public areas of CTA facilities. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, pipe or cigarette.

SECTION 2. That staff shall post in all public areas of the Authority's facilities appropriate signage which reflects this non-smoking policy for all riders.

SECTION 3. That the General Counsel is directed to meet with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Department of Police to develop a plan for enforcing this smoking ban.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

  
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Chairman

June 11, 1997

PASSED:

  
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Secretary

June 11, 1997