

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority**ORDERS & INSTRUCTIONS****SUBJECT: SMOKING IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE TERMINALS****Issuance Date:** NOV 19 2014**1. PURPOSE**

This Orders & Instructions (O&I) establishes the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) policy for smoke-free public areas in the terminal buildings for the general traveling public and employees at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Reagan National).

2. DISTRIBUTION

This O&I is distributed to all Airports Authority employees; airlines, tenants, concessionaires, companies and government agencies conducting business at Reagan National Airport; and the Fire Marshal.

3. CANCELLATION

O&I DCA-6-5-1B, Smoking in Public Areas of the Terminals, dated November 19, 2012.

4. REFERENCE

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Regulations; *Virginia Indoor Clean Act*, Virginia Code Sections 15.2-2820 *et seq.*; and *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code*.

5. DEFINITION

“Smoking” is defined by Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulation 9.7 as the carrying or holding of any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted smoking equipment.

6. BACKGROUND

Studies have shown that secondhand and side stream smoke cause adverse effects on non-smokers. Secondhand smoke is smoke exhaled by smokers, and side stream smoke is smoke emitted from the use of smoked products. Some non-smokers find secondhand smoke and side stream smoke to be irritating and uncomfortable.

7. POLICY**A. Terminals (Public Areas)**

Smoking is prohibited in all public areas of all terminals, except in smoking lounges specifically designated by the Airport Manager after consultation with the Fire Marshall.

Smoking is prohibited within 10 feet of the exterior doors to all terminals and at the NIH shuttle bus stops.

All lighted tobacco products shall only be disposed of in the proper receptacles designed for lighted tobacco products. Receptacles are located in all designated smoking areas.

B. Airlines, Tenants, and Concessionaires – Exclusive Use Areas

It is the responsibility of each airline, tenant and concessionaire to establish public smoking policies, in accordance with the *Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act* and the *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code*, for those areas under their exclusive control.

C. Bars, Lounges, and Restaurants

Smoking is permitted in bars, lounges, and restaurants of the terminals where the operator is in compliance with the provisions of the *Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act* and the *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code*.

8. ENFORCEMENT

Violations of the *Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act* are punishable by a civil penalty of \$25. This smoking policy shall be enforced by the Airport Police and the Fire Code Enforcement Division personnel.



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