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As a Portland resident and long-time Blazers season ticket holder, I have mixed feelings about public financing of renovations at the Moda Center f/k/a Rose Garden. Billionaires should pay for their toys, but the arena and team are integral to the city and state.

I only make one proposal if tax payers are going to contribute any public money:

PDX style street pricing for concessions.

Attending events at the Rose Garden should be attainable for every resident of the state. Currently, it is simply unaffordable for low or middle income residents to attend a game and have a snack or drink. Mandating PDX airport style street pricing is an equitable mandate. Further, it is not even much of an ask. The Atlanta Falcons adopted a similar program many years ago and, at least according to NPR, it barely costs ownership because there is a large increase in volume. It's a win-win.