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Keeping the Ribs Coming

Reo's moves to Southeast Powell

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"You're not getting no fake BBQ, you're getting real BBQ, getting all your vitamins A-Z, if there's another alphabet please let me know," says Portland-area restaurant owner Reo Varnado, showing the excitement for his delectable menu items and a good start with customers at a new location.

The rib shack has seen several sites in its 14-year tenure but continues to bounce back. Varnado credits much of that to his strong faith in God. His nearly infamous rib shack's new home is at 11400 S.E. Powell Blvd.

The slightly vegabound nature of prior business moves can be blamed on complaints of smoke billowing from Reo's humongous outdoor grills, and a business-partnership gone sour, but Varnado is trying to put these unfortunate situations behind him.

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Reo Varnado welcomes customers to his new Reo's Ribs location at 11400 S.E. Powell Blvd. The restaurant, one of the area's best known rib shacks, moved from a prior location on Macadam Avenue in southwest Portland.

