

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION
Resolution No. 20-05**

For the Purpose of Freezing Rental Rates for Non-profit and Resident Companies for Portland’s Centers for the Arts beginning in fiscal year, 2020-2021.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) approves the Rental Fee rates for the Portland 5 Centers for the Arts (Portland’s); and

WHEREAS, on March 4th 2020, MERC adopted Resolution No. 20-02 which increased rental rates for all users of Portland’s effective July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, given the financial realities facing Resident Companies and Non-profit users due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Portland’s now recommends that MERC postpone the scheduled increases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission hereby:

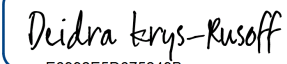
1. Freezes all rental rate increases approved in Resolution 20-02 for all Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 Non-profit and Resident companies, all Tier-1 rate increases shall remain in effect; and
2. Delegates authority to the Metro General Manager of Visitor Venues or his designee to increase the rental rates back to the amounts set forth in Resolution 20-02 at an appropriate time based upon the economic circumstances for the Non-profit and Resident Companies.

Passed by the Commission on June 3rd, 2020.

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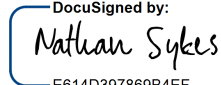
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MERC Staff Report

Agenda Item/Issue: For the Purpose of Freezing Rental Rates for Non-profit and Resident Companies for Portland's Centers for the Arts beginning in fiscal year, 2020-2021.

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Presented By: Robyn Williams

Date: June 3, 2020

Background and Analysis: On March 4th 2020, MERC adopted Resolution No. 20-02 which increased rental rates for all users of Portland's effective July 1, 2020. On March 16th Portland's venues were shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Portland's is now closed through September 2020. All client groups were forced to cancel their performances and seasons. Given the financial realities facing Resident Companies and Non-profit users, Portland's now recommends that MERC postpone the scheduled increases and hold the rental rates for one fiscal year. Portland's will work with the resident companies and non-profits on a plan to increase the rental rates back to those set in Resolution 20-02 at an appropriate time based upon the economic circumstances of Portland's and these user groups.

Fiscal Impact: Rental increases were expected to generate approximately \$196,000. Deep cuts in Portland's operating costs will allow P5 to discuss rental rate increases with the affected companies and develop a plan to bring the rate back to the amounts set forth in Resolution 20-02.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission adopt Resolution 20-05 For the Purpose of Freezing Rental Rates for Non-profit and Resident Companies for Portland's Centers for the Arts beginning in fiscal year, 2020-2021 and delegates authority to the Metro General Manager of Visitor Venues or his designee to increase the rental rates back to the amounts set forth in Resolution 20-02 at an appropriate time based upon the economic circumstances for the Non-profit and Resident Companies.