

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ACCESS) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5475
TO METRO PROPERTIES AND SUPPORTING)
THE FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY IN) Introduced by Councilor Duncan Hwang and
THE GREATER PORTLAND REGION) Councilor Christine Lewis in concurrence
) with Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, for more than a century, filmmakers in Oregon have sought to display the state’s breathtaking natural beauty, featuring locations across the state in hundreds of films and television shows; and

WHEREAS, the rich backdrops of Oregon’s landscape have long inspired viewers to connect with nature, be good stewards of natural areas and natural resources and visit our region’s most beloved natural wonders; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has supported filmmakers for decades and has sought to foster a community that values the artistic and cultural contributions of the industry, as well as its undeniable economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, Metro is dedicated to fostering economic growth opportunities for local business, supporting arts and culture and connecting people to nature; and

WHEREAS, the film and video industry’s total contribution to Oregon’s economy surpassed \$5.9 billion in FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2023, the industry employed a full-year-equivalent of 12,680 jobs and stimulated an additional 14,584 jobs by hiring local workers and attracting out-of-state dollars that support local businesses, such as restaurants, hotels and local retailers; and

WHEREAS, jobs supported by the industry offer living wages and workers have the ability to access benefits for up to two years; and

WHEREAS, Metro’s support for arts and culture includes its management of Portland’s 5 Centers for the Arts, which brings more than 1,000 music, theater, dance and lecture performances to the region each year; and

WHEREAS, Metro has, for over 35 years, committed to protecting land and improving parks and natural areas and currently manages over 19,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas across the region; and

WHEREAS, Metro’s special use permits offer access to public lands and other Metro facilities while ensuring the health and safety of workers and visitors and while preserving sensitive habitat and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, predictable and efficient access to public lands and other Metro facilities are critical to supporting the film, television and video industry and showcasing the greater Portland region’s natural beauty, the talent of its local artisans, performers, and designers and this region’s unique and artistic spirit; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to promote, support and advance the film, television and video industry and collaborate with industry partners to:

1. Streamline special use permit applications across Metro departments.
2. Increase predictability, reduce response times improve communications with applicants and proactively provide alternatives to requests whenever possible.
3. Create expectations and processes that enhance filming opportunities and maintain habitat protection.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of March 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney