

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AND	)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-5054
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE	)	
SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED	)	Introduced by Interim Chief Operating Officer
VISITOR FACILITIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL	)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with Council
AGREEMENT		President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro owns and/or operates the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), the Portland Exposition Center (Expo) and the Portland's Centers for the Arts (P's) with the expertise and oversight of the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2001, Metro, City of Portland and Multnomah County entered into the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement ("VF IGA") to support regional tourism and spectator facilities, the visitor and hospitality industry and to maximize the economic development benefits associated with visitor facilities, programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the VF IGA facilitates the funding of visitor facilities and on-going marketing and tourism programs in the region through the collection and distribution of transient lodging tax and vehicle surcharges; and

WHEREAS, the VF IGA was subsequently amended in October 2013, to, among other things, reflect updated priorities and needs of the region's visitor facilities and tourism promotion programs, including a mechanism to provide funding for a convention center hotel; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2018, Metro, City and County staff, working in partnership with representatives of the tourism industry, began preparing another thorough set of revisions to the VF IGA, the general purpose of which was to maintain resilient funding reserves, provide adequate funding for the visitor development fund, maintain vital and competitive tourism facilities, and improve conditions for the community and people experiencing homelessness to help Portland remain a desirable destination; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff has negotiated terms and conditions of a revised intergovernmental agreement that achieve the foregoing stated goals and purposes; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby authorizes the Metro Council President to execute the Second Amended and Restated Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement, in a form substantially similar to the one attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21 day of November, 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney