



## Text File

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Resolution providing for the establishment of a Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) with The New Hazlett Theater for a portion of the City facility known as the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny and associated property located at 6 Allegheny Square East for an annual rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for a period of twenty-nine (29) years.

**Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows**

**Whereas**, in 2006, due to a lighting strike, The Carnegie Free Library was forced to close. Since then the City has struggled to maintain portions of the building, especially the roof which requires frequent maintenance. This has caused a great deal of resources such as man hours and tax payer money to be wasted in an attempt to keep this historic structure from falling into irreparable disrepair; and

**Whereas**, the presence of the New Hazlett Theater and their maintenance of the portion of the building that they occupy has relieved the City of the burden of maintaining the entire structure. Further the presence of The New Hazlett Theater has prevented the closure of the library from turning the building into a 'white elephant' and negatively affecting development in the area; and

**Whereas**, because of the future redevelopment of the library portion of the building by the Children's Museum the City wishes to take this opportunity to disinvest itself from the cost, effort, and liability of active ownership of this building, which will be accomplished with this new agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Hazlett Theater continues to provide quality performing arts in the North Side and to the entire Pittsburgh community, and has agreed to provide two free shows to City residents each year.

**Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor and the Director of Finance on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) with The New Hazlett Theater, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, for a leasing of a portion of the City facility known as the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny and associated property located in the 22nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh at 6 Allegheny Square East for an annual rental fee of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year for a period of twenty-nine (29) years; **provided that said Lease(s) include a Cooperation Agreement between Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and New Hazlett Theater.** Said Lease Agreement(s) and/or Sub-lease Agreement(s) shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor and shall contain such terms and conditions for the property of the City as said Solicitor may require.