

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the “City”) is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and, as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, As recognized by the General Assembly, the Illinois economy – and as the largest city in the State, the Chicago economy in particular – is highly vulnerable to fluctuations when other states and nations implement major financial incentive programs, including those targeted to film and TV productions; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this risk, the General Assembly passed the Film Production Services Tax Credit Act of 2008, which was renewed and extended in 2022, to ensure that the State remains competitive in site location decision-making for film and TV productions; and

WHEREAS, With the third largest movie and recording industry in the country, and the largest in the Midwest, the economic and employment impacts of the film and TV industry to the State, and particularly the City, include: (i) an estimated \$700,000,000 in economic impact in the State (2021); (ii) over 20,000 *hires* across the State, with 51% of crews in accredited productions made up of women and minorities (2019); and (iii) over 20,000 jobs in the City, across all 50 wards; and

WHEREAS, Further, the City’s film and TV industry invests in initiatives that support our neighborhoods, both culturally and financially, by supporting creative entrepreneurs, local businesses, and community projects in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to align its taxes and incentives to further support the film and TV industry’s investment in our communities and continue to show off our great City to the world; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

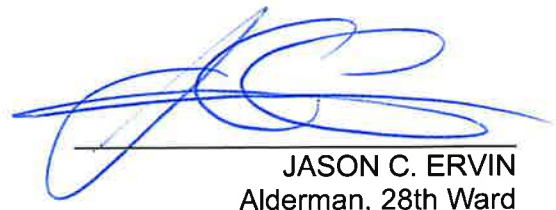
SECTION 1. Section 3-32-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

3-32-040 Exempt lessees.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the following lessees shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter:

- A. A lessee that is a governmental body;
- B. A lessee that is an organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes; and -
- C. A lessee that is an accredited production or an accredited animated production, as evidenced by an accredited production certificate under the Film Production Services Tax Credit Act of 2008 (35 ILCS 16/1 et seq).

SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect upon passage and publication, and shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025.



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