



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 30742

RESOLUTION

R194 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on November 15, 2023

Authorizes lease agreement with Museum of Indian Culture for a commercial property located on Fish Hatchery Road, LR 39-109, known as the Bieber Dwelling.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of leasing the property, located on Fish Hatchery Road, LR 39-109, known as the Bieber Dwelling to Museum of Indian Culture for the period of January 7, 2024, through January 6, 2049, with a five (5) year renewal option.

WHEREAS, Article IV Financial Procedures, Chapter 5 Administration of Government, Section 5-28 Sale/Leasing of City Land, requires City Council approval for leasing City-owned real estate for a term in excess of five years.

WHEREAS, Museum of Indian Culture has had a lease for this commercial property since 1981. Their current lease ends on January 6, 2024 with no option of an renewal period. However, with no renewal terms stated, a new lease is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown Pennsylvania, hereby designates the Mayor as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and Museum of Indian Culture to execute the requested lease agreement.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30742 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 15th day of November 15, 2023, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



City Clerk

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The lease agreement originates from the Purchasing office. This office is responsible for managing lease agreements for City-owned properties. The terms of this lease agreement were developed in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Resolution is required to proceed with execution of the lease agreement between the City and Museum of Indian Culture for use of the commercial property located on Fish Hatchery Road, LR 39-109, known as the Bieber Dwelling.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Resolution allows for the lease agreement to be fully executed once signed by all parties.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The agreement is for a nominal amount of \$1.00 a year with an option to renew for five (5) years at \$1.00 per year.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

No funding is needed.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The current lease agreement for this property with Museum of Indian Culture ends on January 6, 2024.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Museum of Indian Culture is a non-profit that has leased this City owned commercial property known as the Bieber Dwelling since 1981 and would like to continue to lease the property from the City. This is revenue generating. During the entirety of the lease, Museum of Indian Culture has been paying the City \$1 a year to lease the building. They also have plans to make improvements now through 2025. The new agreement is for the nominal amount of \$1.00 per year for 25 years with a five (5) year renewal option.