

**No. 03-16-OR**

## **AN ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Topanga Productions Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a pilot episode for a television series.

**Whereas**, Topanga Productions Inc. (hereinafter the "Production Company") plans to film a pilot episode for a CBS television series in Allegheny County entitled "Sensory" (hereinafter the "Television Series") in conjunction with Sony Pictures Television, Tri-Star Pictures and Scott Free Productions; and

**Whereas**, the Production Company has requested to use certain County-owned real property situated in and around the Allegheny County Courthouse and such other sites as mutually agreed and certain personalty owned by the County (collectively the "County Property") in connection with filming the Television Series; and

**Whereas**, the County deems it in the public interest to permit the Production Company to use the County Property in connection with filming the Television Series; and

**Whereas**, Article IV, Section 2(k) of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter vests County Council with the power and duty by ordinance to lease or permit the use of County real and personal property.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:***

**SECTION 1.        Incorporation of the Preamble.**

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

**SECTION 2.        Authorization for the use of County Real and Personal Property.**

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby grants the Production Company the right to use the County Property in connection with filming the Television Series, subject to the terms of a location agreement to be entered into between the Production Company and the County; and

- B. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the use of the County Property relating to the filming of the Television Series.


**SECTION 3.**        **Severability.** *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.*

**SECTION 4.**        **Repealer.** *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.*

Enacted in Council, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

Council Agenda No. 9504-16

  
John DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office March 9, 2016

Approved:   
Rich Fitzgerald  
County Executive

Attest:   
Sonya Dietz  
Executive's Secretary

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The attached legislation would permit Topanga Productions Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal property situated in and around the Allegheny County Courthouse and such other sites as mutually agreed in connection with filming a pilot episode for a CBS television series entitled "Sensory" in conjunction with Sony Pictures Television, Tri-Star Pictures and Scott Free Productions.

The tentative filming schedule for the pilot episode in the region is March 21, 2016, through April 8, 2016. Specific filming dates on County Property will be established and mutually agreed upon pursuant to a Location Agreement that will govern the Production Company's use of the County Property. Topanga Productions Inc. will be required to provide insurance and indemnify the County against any claims, as well as to reimburse the County for its out-of-pocket costs.

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**MEMORANDUM**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

TO: Jared E. Barker  
Allegheny County Council

FROM: William D. McKain CPA  
County Manager

DATE: March 3, 2016

RE: Proposed Ordinance

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Attached is an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Topanga Productions Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a pilot episode for a television series.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

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