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An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement to extend a lease with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP), for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1986, Allegheny County and the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) entered into a lease agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of an Astronomical Observatory in Deer Lakes Park; and

WHEREAS, the Wagman Observatory has been built, maintained and operated by the AAAP under said lease and utilized and enjoyed by thousands of Allegheny County residents at no cost to the County. The AAAP will continue to offer this community program at Deer Lakes Park, provide general facility maintenance and/or pay the County \$200 per year for use of said facility. The AAAP will provide all required liability insurance and fire insurance.

WHEREAS, the AAAP and the County desire to continue the lease; 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 authorize the lease or permit the use of County real 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 to permit the use of County Real Property

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby approves the continuation of a contract to the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) for the continued operation and maintenance of Wagman Observatory in Deer Lakes Park.
- B. Council hereby acknowledges the contract for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, subject to the terms and conditions as more fully outlined in the Contract. At the County's sole option, the Agreement may be extended for two additional years.
- A. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to prepare and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the lease of the property.

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 Resolution.*