

No. 15-25-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to allow Hershey Production LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with the filming a motion picture.

Whereas, Hershey Production LLC (hereinafter the "Production Company") is filming a Motion Picture in Allegheny County currently referred to as "Hershey" (hereinafter the "Motion Picture"); and

Whereas, the Production Company has requested permission to use certain County-owned real property as mutually agreed and certain personalty owned by the County (collectively the "County Property") in connection with filming the Motion Picture; and

Whereas, the County of Allegheny (hereinafter the "County") is willing to allow the Production Company to film the Motion Picture on County Property at such locations as mutually agreed, subject to a location agreement that will govern the Production Company's use of the County Property and will provide specific protections for the County; 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; and

Whereas, County Council deems it in the public interest to permit the Production Company to use the County Property in connection with filming the Motion Picture subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

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 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 Motion Picture 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 Motion Picture.

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 continue 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.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of final approval.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato

CO-SPONSORS:

Enacted in Council, this 21st day of May, 2025.

Council Agenda No. 13522-25.



Patrick J. Catena
President of Council

Attest:



Jared Baker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office May 28, 2025.

Approved:



Sara Innamorato
Chief Executive

Attest:



John Fournier
County Manager

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The attached legislation would permit Hershey Production LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property, locations to be determined, as mutually agreed in connection with filming a Motion Picture referred to as “Hershey” which will premiere in 2026.

The tentative filming schedule for the Motion Picture in the region is May through September 2025. 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. Currently the Production Company plans on utilizing the Allegheny County Courthouse Complex and immediate surrounding area. Hershey Production LLC 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.

THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

HERSHEY

This is the gripping and heart-rending true story of visionary, pioneer, and philanthropist Milton Hershey, founder of the Hershey chocolate company and the town of Hershey, Pennsylvania. Milton's vision and grit saw him through devastating failure, rejection, personal loss...and propelled him from obscurity to become the 'Chocolate King' of America. He founded the world's largest chocolate manufacturing company which he not only safeguarded but expanded during the Great Depression!

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

TO: Jared Barker
Chief Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
Allegheny County Council

FROM: Ernest Rajakone
Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato

CC: John Fournier
County Manager

DATE: May 1, 2025

RE: **Hershey Production LLC – Use of County Parks**

Please find attached an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to permit Hershey Production LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property, locations to be determined, as mutually agreed in connection with filming a Motion Picture referred to as “Hershey” which will premiere in 2026.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed the Ordinance prior to submission to the Council.

On behalf of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato, I am requesting this Ordinance be included on the agenda for introduction at the Regular Meeting of County Council on May 6, 2025.