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Staff Report

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From: Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 13-13, Adopting Film and Media Permit Fees

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Adopt Resolution No. 13-13; a Resolution adopting new film and media production permit fees.

BACKGROUND:

The Business and Economic Development staff at Clackamas County has been working with the City of Oregon City, other cities within the County, and the film and media industry to develop a County-wide uniform film and media permit process including guidelines and fees, application and an Ordinance. The Clackamas County Film and Media Production Program is a new initiative within the Business and Economic Development Department, which was created to advance jobs and business in the film and media industry. The 2012 Clackamas County Economic Landscape Study identified Film and Media Production as an emerging cluster generating, 4,791 direct jobs and \$212M in GDP.

In conducting outreach and developing strategies for growth in this creative cluster, Clackamas County has learned from industry representatives that the lack of uniform filming permitting discourages production companies from filming in certain locations. An online permitting process with unified fees and guidelines will help to build film and media opportunities in Clackamas County as well as to take the frustration and "red tape" out of the permitting process countywide.

The primary purpose of the recently adopted Film and Media Permit Ordinance (Chapter 12.28) is to ensure public safety and protect public property during filming activity. Film and media permit fees are being proposed as a method of offsetting a portion of the costs resulting from staff time processing permit applications, fees associated with reservation of parks, public parking areas or other public spaces and, if necessary, costs associated with the post-filming inspection of the property. The fees, as proposed, are kept at a nominal rate to further encourage filming activity and enhance economic vitality within the City and do not cover the entire cost of processing a permit application.