

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER RENTAL FEES FROM MIAMI NEW DRAMA, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$347,754.00, FOR THE USE OF THE SUNSET VISTA SALON FROM SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 12, 2023.

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the City of Miami Beach established Miami Beach Convention Center (“MBCC”) Rental Waiver Guidelines including an application, review and approval process, and the discount/waiver process is administered by the Administration, with a recommendation to the Mayor and City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the rental discount/waiver process is specific to room and space rental fees only, and event producers/organizers are solely responsible for any and all other associated MBCC fees as assessed for the event including, but not limited to, audio, visual, utilities, furniture rentals, equipment, security, food and beverage, corkage fees, room set-up and cleaning; and

WHEREAS, the City received an application from Miami New Drama for a rental fee waiver for the use of the MBCC, and the application has a resident community impact and/or a civic or social benefit to the residents of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Miami New Drama is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 presenting and producing organization that is committed to theatrical excellence and theater-making as a means of social engagement, cultural conversation and human interaction; and

WHEREAS, Miami New Drama is a Miami Beach Cultural Anchor, and since 2016, Miami New Drama has been the resident company at the historic Colony Theatre on Lincoln Road, receiving numerous honors, producing dozens of productions, and promoting the City of Miami Beach as a destination for new plays, musicals and an incubator for new theatrical works that are diverse, multicultural, and multilingual; and

WHEREAS, the theatrical production company is a Miami Beach treasure and soon the not-for-profit will occupy the Collins Park Cultural Center at the Collins Park Garage, once the build-out is completed through the Arts and Culture General Obligation Bond, and will serve as an educational hub, to allow for more space for rehearsals, and allow for consistent programming, workshops and camps for adults and young actors and audiences; and

WHEREAS, Miami New Drama has been preparing for *Las Avenuras de Juan Planchard*, a production written and directed by Moises Kaufman to be performed October 17 – November 12, 2023, at The Colony Theater; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2023, while rehearsing for the upcoming production at a non-City owned space, the rehearsal space experienced extensive unforeseeable

electrical issues and air conditioning damage, and after an exhaustive, abrupt search for an immediate rehearsal venue, the theater company could not locate available space within the timetable to deliver a quality production, consequently, Miami New Drama requested emergency use of the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Miami New Drama requested that the City waive Miami Beach Convention Center rental fees in an amount not to exceed \$347,754.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby retroactively approve the request for a waiver of Miami Beach Convention Center rental fees, for the Miami New Drama in an amount not to exceed \$347,754.00, for the use of the Sunset Vista Salon from September 21 – October 12, 2023.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2023.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10-11-23
Date

