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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 33 AND 35 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE TO DEFINE "FILM PRODUCTION" AND TO ALLOW FOR THE SAME AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE IN THE IL-A AND IL-B LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bayonne are authorized by the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., to regulate land uses to promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council also find it necessary and appropriate to promote economic development opportunities that are congruent with the City of Bayonne's Master Plan objectives; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bayonne has become a focal point for the film industry due to, among other factors, its convenient and attractive geographical location, city streetscape, industrial history, and waterfront access; and,

WHEREAS, based on the level of interest from the film industry, particularly interest in the furtherance of film production operations, the Mayor and City Council believe an amendment to certain land use regulations are warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Chapter 33

Chapter 33, Article II, Section 2.2 (Definitions) is hereby amended to add the following definition:

FILM PRODUCTION

Shall mean a film studio, professional stage, sound stage, television studio, recording studio, screening room, or other production support space or infrastructure used for producing films or other commercial audiovisual products, including, but not limited to, production offices, mill space, or backlots, provided that the predominant use shall not be administrative or back-office use and that backlots shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the required minimum size of the production facility.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Chapter 35

Chapter 35, Section 5-16a is amended to add the following permitted principal use in the IL-A and IL-B Light Industrial Districts:

8. Film Production, as defined by Section 33-2.2.

SECTION 3. Planning Board Review

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, this Ordinance shall be referred to the Bayonne Planning Board for review and recommendation as to its consistency with the City's Master Plan.

SECTION 4. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication, and filing as required by law.