

March 30, 2018

Randall Recklaus Village Manager Village of Arlington Heights 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Re: Metropolis Request for Waiver of Permit Fees

## Dear Randy:

I hope you had a great vacation. As you know Metropolis is in the process of renovating the theatre lobby. We have submitted for building permits and the permits have been approved.

I would like to request a waiver of the permit fees charged by the Village. I am not asking that the Village's out of pocket costs be waived, but only the fee portion. As you are also aware the Village has committed \$20,000 to the project which we really appreciate.

We have cost estimates which exceed our budget for the project. We have been working with the design team to pare the costs to bring the project within the budget and a waiver of the fees would help bring the project in at or under budget.

I believe a fee waiver is appropriate due to the quasi-governmental nature of the space and the project in that the Village is the owner of the theatre and the landlord of the theatre. Further, the renovations will clearly enhance the property as a whole and the theatre in particular, enhancing the value of the property and the space. We believe that the enhancements will modernize the space and allow for our continued success and the success of the downtown as a whole.

Finally, it also does not seem to make sense that the Village is contributing \$20,000 to the project, on the one hand, and charging fees which may reach \$2500 to \$5000 of that amount on the other.

Please let me know if you need any further information or have any other questions.

Once again, thank you, the staff and the Village Board for your continued support.

Stephen G. Dallay President, Performing Arts at Metropolis