

**City of Detroit**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**Janice M. Winfrey**  
*City Clerk*

**Andre P. Gilbert II**  
*Deputy City Clerk*

November 8, 2023

Honorable City Council

RE: **Petition No.: 2023-380 – Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc.**,  
a nonprofit organization, requests a resolution from your Honorable Body in  
support of a charitable gaming license.

The petitioner wishes to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating  
in the community for purposes of obtaining a gaming license from the Bureau  
of State Lottery. Be advised that the organization meets the criteria for such  
recognition as established by the city Council on May 15, 2012.

Therefore, approval of this petition is recommended, and an appropriate  
resolution is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice M. Winfrey

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## RESOLUTION

By Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc. (461 Piquette Avenue, P.O. Box 2127, Detroit, MI 48202) requests for recognition as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the organization meets the criteria for such recognition as established by the City Council on May 15, 2012.

Therefore Be it Resolved, the Detroit City Council recognizes Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc. (461 Piquette Avenue, P.O. Box 2127, Detroit, MI 48202) as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the Bureau of State Lottery.

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## DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council,

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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Petition No.	2023-380
Name of Petitioner	Model- T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc
Description of Petition	Request from Your Honorable Body a resolution in support of a Charitable Gaming License
Type of Petition	<b>Charitable Gaming License</b>
Submission Date	11/8/23
Concerned Departments	City Clerk Office
Petitioner Contact	Jill Woodward Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc. 313- 530-8269 <a href="mailto:jwoodward@fordpiquetteplant.org">jwoodward@fordpiquetteplant.org</a>

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313-872-8759

November 8, 2023

c/o City of Detroit  
Detroit Municipal Building  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

To Whom It May Concern:

The Model-T Automotive Heritage Complex, Inc., d.b.a. the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization (EIN 38-3455896) incorporated in the year 2000. A U.S. National Historic Landmark, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant was built in 1904 in Detroit's Milwaukee Junction neighborhood. The building is automotive pioneer Henry Ford's original factory and the birthplace of the Model T, the car that put the world on wheels.


The museum respectfully requests authentication of its nonprofit status through a Local Governing Body Resolution from the Detroit City Council. This documentation is required for an application to the State of Michigan for a charitable gaming license. Through the efforts of the museum's Board of Trustees, the museum seeks to raffle off a donated vehicle. This is still in progress, and the plan is that raffle tickets would be sold over a period of four to six months. This fundraising activity will support urgent infrastructure needs at the 119-year-old facility including electrical and HVAC work, repairs to its 97-year-old elevator, plumbing issues and more.

Saved from demolition and restored by community volunteers, the Piquette Plant today is a museum dedicated to the preservation of the world's oldest surviving car production facility, and the interpretation and celebration of Detroit's automotive heritage and spirit of innovation. Through photographs, film, exhibits, original artifacts, and more than 65 rare vehicles, the museum brings to life the industrial, cultural, and social history of the City of Detroit just after the turn of the century. The museum actively interprets the history, architectural heritage, and diversity of Detroit through the lens of formative automotive development.

A cultural anchor for Milwaukee Junction, the museum attracts over 35,000 people annually for tours, educational programs and special events. Guided tours are offered Wednesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m., or by appointment on any day of the week. Visitors can also self-guide through the exhibits and listen to audio information provided in five languages. The museum is proud to welcome nearly 3,000 youth annually from the Detroit Public Schools Community District for STEAM field trips and Design & Build activities.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jill Woodward  
President & COO  
Cell: (313) 530-8269



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COMPLEX INC  
% JERALD A MITCHELL  
PO BOX 2127  
DETROIT MI 48202



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Employer Identification Number: 38-3455896  
Person to Contact: B. Hall  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Dec. 03, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in November 1999.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Susan M. O'Neill, Department Mgr.  
Accounts Management Operations



Charitable Gaming Division  
 Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909  
 OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:  
 101 E. Hillsdale, Lansing MI 48933  
 (517) 335-5780  
 www.michigan.gov/cg

**LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES**  
 (Required by MCL 432.103(K)(ii))

At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:  
TIME

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

that the request from Ford Piquette Plant Museum of Detroit,  
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of Wayne, asking that they be recognized as a  
COUNTY NAME

nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable

gaming licenses, be considered for \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

**APPROVAL**

**DISAPPROVAL**

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and  
 adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ at a \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD REGULAR OR SPECIAL

meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

COMPLETION: Required.  
 PENALTY: Possible denial of application.  
 BSL-CG-1153(R6/09)