



Harbor Playhouse Lease Agreement

June 30, 2026

Background

- The Harbor Playhouse was founded in 1925, formally known as Corpus Christi Little Theater
- Their first play performed was Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" in 1925
- In 2025, the Harbor Playhouse celebrated 100 years in Corpus Christi producing multiple theatre performances and youth programming for the community
- In 1976, City Council approved a five-year lease agreement
- In 1982, City Council approved a 20-year lease agreement
- In 1998, City Council approved a 20-year lease agreement



Harbor Playhouse Today

- 250+ volunteers annually, contributing 100,000+ hours per season
- Volunteers range ages 5–80, reflecting community diversity
- Audience includes local patrons and international visitors
- The Harbor Playhouse plays a large role in bringing the community together and encouraging them to stay longer by entertaining and engaging them through the performing arts
- The theatre offers a year-round schedule of classic and contemporary musicals and plays, as well as educational opportunities



Proposed Lease Agreement

Ten-year lease agreement with two five-year mutual options to renew

Tenant Responsibilities outlined in the lease:

- Insurance for Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, Workers' Compensation, Liquor Liability, Host Liquor Liability, and Personal Property Coverage
- Maintenance of interior and exterior leased areas
- Payments of all utility costs associated with operations (gas, wastewater, stormwater, water, trash, electricity)

City Responsibilities outlined in the lease:

- Property, Windstorm insurance and All Other Perils Coverage
- Ground maintenance for existing landscaping, exterior walkways, and driveways
- Capital improvements to the facility







Questions?