

Form 872-C

Consent Fixing Period of Limitation Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

OMB No 1545-0046

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

(See instructions.)

To be used with Form 1023. Submit in duplicate.

Under section 6501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as part of a request filed with Form 1023 that the organization named below be treated as a publicly supported organization under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2) during an advance ruling period.

Motor City Lyric Opera
(Exact legal name of organization as shown in organizing document)
4525 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(Number, street, city or town, state, and ZIP code)

District Director of Internal Revenue, or Assistant Commissioner (Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations)

consent and agree that the period for assessing tax (imposed under section 4940 of the Code) for any of the 5 tax years in the advance ruling period will extend 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first tax year.

However, if a notice of deficiency in tax for any of these years is sent to the organization before the period expires, the time for making an assessment will be further extended by the number of days the assessment is prohibited, plus 60 days.

Ending date of first tax year December 31, 2001
(Month, day, and year)

Based on information stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization as described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period.

If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 03 2002

MOTOR CITY LYRIC OPERA
4525 CHARING CROSS RD.
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304-3204

Employer Identification Number: 30-0055116
DLN: 17053080038012
Contact Person: B.J. ANDUJAR ID# 75892
Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending: December 31
Foundation Status Classification: 509(a)(1)
Advance Ruling Period Begins: November 9, 2001
Advance Ruling Period Ends: December 31, 2005
Addendum Applies: No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization as described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

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