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## “Barnes Foundation acts to boost revenues”

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Administrators of the Barnes Foundation's art collection in Lower Merion Township announced a series of moves yesterday that could boost revenues at the cash-poor institution, which is mired in controversy over a planned move to Philadelphia.

The foundation increased its maximum daily visitors from 400 to 450 effective yesterday, to be followed by a \$2 ticket-price hike to \$12, effective July 1.

Also this summer, the art collection will open to the public Wednesday through Saturday during July and August, months it had previously been closed on weekends.

The moves, announced in a news release, come eight days after the latest courtroom skirmish between the Barnes Foundation and a Lower Merion Township-based group opposed to its move to Philadelphia.

The conflict has focused on Barnes administrators' claims of financial woes exacerbated by a lack of visitor access to the Latches Lane location - including local ordinances limiting visitors.

However, Lower Merion Township changed a zoning ordinance in July to allow 140,000 visitors annually, enabling the change announced yesterday.

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