

**HBMC 12.30.080 Commercial filming permits.** (Added 10/16)

As determined by the California Legislature in California Government Code Section 14998.1, motion picture production is an important industry to the economy of California and local governments in this state should accordingly provide an environment conducive to the undertakings of the motion picture industry. To that end, the city expresses its desire and intention to create and maintain an environment in the city conducive to motion picture production activities in all areas of the city.

In accordance with this purpose, film permits for nonpermanent filming activities may be issued for filming on or in any private or city-owned property in any area of the city, irrespective of zoning in the area in which the permit is issued; provided, that such transient activity to which the permit applies will not be unduly disruptive of neighboring land uses. The community resources department is vested with the authority to approve or deny film permits for nonpermanent filming activities in any area of the city and in making such determination to approve or deny a film permit application, to exercise its discretion to determine: (A) whether a particular filming activity is permanent or nonpermanent; (B) whether a particular filming activity would unduly interfere with or disrupt neighboring land uses so as to justify denial of the permit; and (C) mitigation measures to reduce any adverse impact on neighboring land uses. Conditions imposed under any permit shall reduce, to the extent the community resources department determines appropriate in light of both the neighbors' and permittees' concerns, any adverse impact on neighboring land uses.

A "nonpermanent" filming activity, for purposes of this section, is an activity under an approved permit which involves no more than fifteen (15) days of consecutive filming at a single location.

The city council may adopt or amend from time to time the filming policy and procedures, which shall be consistent with this section and shall act as guidelines to the community resources department in issuing or denying permits including appeal rights thereto, and which shall be incorporated by reference into any film permit which the community resources department may issue. All film permits shall be subject to imposition of fees which shall be set forth in the filming policy and procedures. (Ord. 16-1370 §6 (part), 2016)