



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting film production application process in City limits.

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BACKGROUND:

As film production activities have become more common in cities, we recognize that it's in the best interest of public safety to manage these activities. Implementing an application process for filming inside city limits addresses several critical needs:

1. **Public Safety and Order**

Film productions often involve road closures, equipment setup, large crews, and potentially hazardous special effects. An application process ensures that city authorities are aware of these activities, enabling them to coordinate with police, fire departments, and other public safety services to protect residents and maintain order.

2. **Minimizing Disruption**

Filming can disrupt traffic flow, pedestrian access, parking availability, and the general daily life of residents and businesses. Requiring an application allows the city to assess the impact of filming and work with production companies to minimize inconvenience.

3. **Preservation of Public Spaces and Resources**

City streets, parks, and public buildings are often used for filming. An application process ensures that these spaces are respected, protected, and left in good condition. It also helps allocate limited resources (such as park space) equitably among various users.

4. **Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Cities must ensure that filming activities comply with local laws, including noise ordinances, zoning codes, and insurance requirements. The application process allows the city to enforce these regulations and protect the legal rights of residents and businesses.

5. **Transparency and Accountability**

A formal application process fosters transparency, providing a clear set of expectations for production companies. It ensures that companies are held accountable for their impact on the community.

This process helps cities manage filming activities in a way that is safe, equitable, and beneficial for everyone involved.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt film production process for inside city limits and approve application.