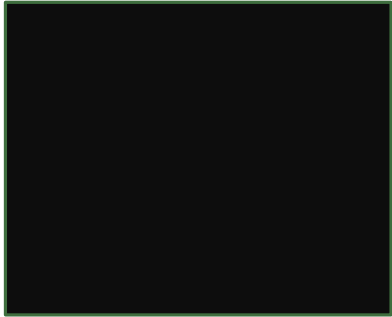




Update of Stonecrest Film Ordinance

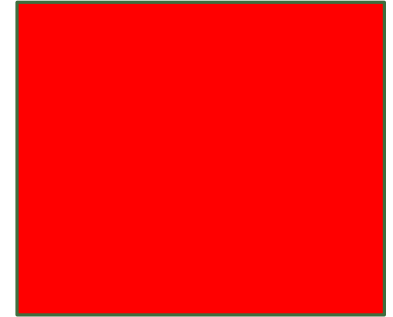
Currently



Dekalb Film Commission organizes, issues, and collects fees for all film permits in Stonecrest.



Film Permits for all properties (public and private) in the city was being charged the monthly standard of \$200



Film Productions have been paying the film permit fee without issue for both private and public property. However....

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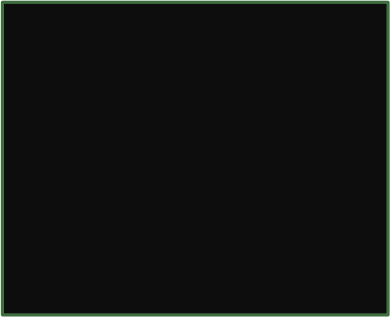
Sec. 15.14.4. - Permits for filming.



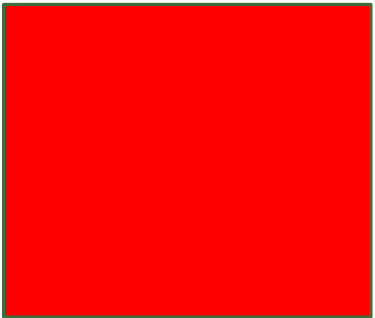
- (1) Any producer that wishes to perform filming must first obtain a filming permit. No filming permit is required unless the entertainment industry work is performed on public property.
- (2) Filming permits shall be issued by the Department of Economic Development. Permits shall be issued to the producer.
- (3) A permit will specify the filming that may occur at a particular location at a particular time. The permit will authorize elements to be performed as part of the filming, provided that the elements have been approved by the Department of Economic Development. After receiving a permit, a producer may request modifications to the permit as described in subsection [15.14.8\(1\)](#) below.
- (4) Where the filming application includes a request to close a city street, lane and/or sidewalk during the transition period for the City of Stonecrest, the request will be processed by DeKalb County in accordance with DeKalb County's ordinances, guidelines, and regulations.
- (5) A producer that receives a permit is responsible for knowing and complying with all other laws, including other ordinances and regulations, that establish prerequisites, authorizations and other required permissions applicable to the filming.
- (6) Where permitted filming includes signs or other displays of speech which would require a permit under [chapter 21](#) or otherwise be prohibited under the Code, the signs and/or displays must be removed upon the expiration of the permit.
- (7) Notwithstanding any other part of this Code, any producer that performs filming without receiving a permit, violates the material terms of a permit, or is otherwise in violation of this entertainment filming ordinance, shall be subject to the provisions of [section 1-11](#) of the Code.
- (8) While it is the intent of the city to honor each permit, the issuance of such permit shall not grant the producer a constitutionally protected property interest.

(Ord. No. 2017-10-03, § 1(15.14.4), 10-16-2017)

Issues



Film permits allows for the disclosure of items such as Pyrotechnics or other explosives, Smoke effects, water effects, or flame effects, Display of real or artificial firearms, Dangerous stunts, any equipment that may cause damage, Use of wild animals regulated by law, and large gatherings.



While all of these things may take place on private property, cities have consistently felt the need to regulate these items and uses separately. Not only are the application and disclosure of these items important but pose a cost administratively and we should have a record of activity to assist our code enforcement of the projects.

Resolution

Staff recommends change of the Film Ordinance 15.14.4 to require film permits on private property.