

RESOLUTION

Resolution Approving the Suspension of Enforcement of Unified Development Ordinance Section 16.56.040 Related to Film Production (10)

WHEREAS, Temporary Entertainment Events are defined in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 16.08 (Definitions) and are only permitted by Temporary Use Permit as regulated by UDO Section 16.56.040 (Temporary Use Standards); and

WHEREAS, UDO Section 16.56.040.D (Temporary Entertainment Events) requires that an application for Temporary Use Permits be submitted thirty (30) days prior to commencement of the event and establishes a maximum duration of three (3) days per event with a minimum four (4) day separation between events; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Board recognizes the unique circumstance that operating a film project compliant with all the provisions of UDO Section 16.56.040 (Temporary Use Regulations) places an undue burden on the operators of a film project; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Board Planning, Environment, and Development Committee has reviewed this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby directs the Department of Planning and Development to suspend enforcement of Unified Development Ordinance Section 16.56.040 (Temporary Use Standards) with respect to Temporary Use Permits for film production effective January 30th, 2025 through such time that the County Board adopts ordinances to regulate film production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator, McHenry County Sheriff, County Engineer of the Division of Transportation, and Director of Planning and Development.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 18th day of January, A.D., 2025.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Suspension of Enforcement of Unified Development Ordinance Section 16.56.040 Related to Film Production (10)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

Approve the resolution to suspend temporary use permit standards related to film production under section 16.56.040 of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Background and Discussion:

The Unified Development Ordinance does not contain regulations that specifically regulate film production. The Department of Planning and Development has consistently classified and applied the standards of UDO Section 16.56.040 Temporary Entertainment Events. Over the last two weeks multiple film production operations have applied for these TUP's but were denied because they did not meet the submittal or the event duration requirements.

There are multiple contrasts between a film production operation and a concert, rodeo, or other temporary entertainment event. The focus of public safety shifts from crowd control and protection to continuity of public services, community noticing, and protection of infrastructure.

Impact on Human Resources:

None.

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):

None.

Impact on Capital Expenditures:

None.

Impact on Physical Space:

None.

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

Establishing protocols for this use will allow better communication and coordination amount County Departments and Agencies.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

The resolution conforms with board ordinance and polices while supporting the advancement or innovative Economic Development strategies