

ORDINANCE

Ordinance Creating a Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy (18)

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Board recognizes the cultural and economic benefits commercial film, video and photo production has to the County and desires to promote and encourage such activity; and

WHEREAS, because of the potential impact and disruption commercial film, video and photo production has on public services, resources and proximate private properties, it is in the public best interest to establish a permit process which will enable the County to evaluate their potential impact and disruptions, ensure recovery of costs to public services, and minimize or mitigate the disruption to private properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this McHenry County Board that Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy shall become effective as of the date of this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to update the McHenry County Code of Ordinances accordingly and distribute a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Director of Planning & Development, State's Attorney's Office, McHenry County Sheriff, Deputy County Administrator and County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 21st day of April, A.D., 2026.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Ordinance Creating a Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy (18)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

To enact an Ordinance establishing a Film, Video and Photo Production Permit Policy.

Background and Discussion: The McHenry County Board recognizes the cultural and economic benefits enjoyed as a result of commercial film, video and photo production and welcomes this activity in the County. However, depending on the scope and scale of such productions, there can be a considerable impact on public resources and services, as well as a disruption to the use and enjoyment of nearby private properties. By instituting a permit requirement, the County will have the ability to assess the potential impact this activity may have and ensure the costs to public services are offset and the disruption to private property can be addressed.

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: The proposed permit requirement will enable the County to assist departments and outside agencies with recovering costs incurred due to commercial film, video and photo production.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan: This action creates a new County Ordinance. In addition, this action advances the McHenry County Strategic Plan Leadership and Governance Goal 3: *Explore and implement strategies to enhance regional collaboration with the County's intergovernmental partners to leverage resources, share information, and work together to identify quality solutions to current and potential challenges.*