City of Seal Beach
211 Eighth Street, Seal Beach, CA 90740
Phone: (562) 431-2527 – Ext. 1344
Email: anguyen@sealbeachca.gov

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A FILMING PERMIT APPLICATION:

1. Submit the completed application via email to anguyen@sealbeachca.gov or in person at City Hall, at least 10 business days prior to filming date(s). Please submit this application as follows:
    1. Complete and submit **Film Permit Application**
    2. Sign and submit **General Conditions of Filming Permits**
    3. **Submittals WILL NOT be accepted for weekend filming. Filming Permits are suspended during the summer season: Friday of Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day holiday.**

2. Provide Certificate of Insurance in the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per incident/ two million dollars ($2,000,000) per aggregate, naming the City of Seal Beach as the additional insured. The City must be listed as: City of Seal Beach, 211 8th St., Seal Beach CA 90740. The Certificate of Insurance must be provided in advance of all filming activities.

3. If road closures are involved, a stamped, registered Road Closure Plan by a Traffic Engineer must be provided to the Seal Beach City Engineer for approval.

4. A site plan should be attached, including parking and all support vehicles.

5. All requisite permits must be obtained prior to the date of filming, including any permits from Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for special effects or pyrotechnics.

6. All businesses and residences within 500 feet of the filming location must be notified by the applicant 72 hours in advance of filming date.

7. All fees are to be made payable to the "City of Seal Beach". All fees are due in advance of filming activities.

8. Submittal of an incomplete application may result in delays in processing your permit or revocation of permit.

9. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Nguyen at (562) 431-2527 x 1344 or email anguyen@sealbeachca.gov.

FILM PERMIT COST RECOVERY FY 2025-26

Activity Description	Fee or Charge	Unit
Business License Required for All Professional Photography, Video, Film Production, Motion Picture	**See Business License Fee**	**Per Year**
Commercial Use Still Photography		
A) Permit Application		
i) Student (need instructor verification)	$29	
ii) Commercial Photography	$89	
Motion Picture, Including Video Filming		
A) Student (need instructor verification)	$114	
B) Cast and Crew Totaling One to Three Persons:		
i) Permit Application		
a) Private Property	$206	Per Permit
b) Public Property	$206	Per Permit
ii) General Location Fee (Public and Private Property)	$481	Per Permit
iii) Use of City Property in Addition to General Location Fee		
a) Beach/Pier/Park	$412	Per Day
b) Lifeguard Station (interior)	$253	Per Day
c) City Hall	$253	Per Day
d) City Jail - Police Department	$618	Per Day
e) Other City Facility	$155 + Hourly Rent Fees	Per Day
iv) Deposit for staff time and/or property damage	$588	Per Permit
C) Cast and Crew Totaling Four to Ten Persons:		
i) Permit Application		
a) Private Property	$310	Per Permit
b) Public Property	$310	Per Permit
ii) General Location Fee (Public and Private Property)	$481	Per Permit
iii) Use of City Property in Addition to General Location Fee		
a) Beach/Pier/Park	$497	Per Day
b) Lifeguard Station (interior)	$306	Per Day
c) City Hall	$306	Per Day
d) City Jail - Police Department	$746	Per Day
e) Other City Facility	$255 + Hourly Rent Fees	Per Day
iv) Deposit for staff time and/or property damage	$710	

FILM PERMIT COST RECOVERY FY 2025-26

Activity Description	Fee or Charge	Unit
D) Cast and Crew Totaling Ten or More Persons:		
i) Permit Application		
a) Private Property	$620	Per Permit
b) Public Property	$620	Per Permit
ii) General Location Fee (Public and Private Property)	$481	Per Permit
iii) Use of City Property in Addition to General Location Fee		
a) Beach/Pier/Park	$676	Per Day
b) Lifeguard Station (interior)	$416	Per Day
c) City Hall	$416	Per Day
d) City Jail-Police Department	$1,015	Per Day
e) Other City Facility	$410 + Hourly Rent Fees	Per Day
iv) Deposit for staff time and/or property damage	$966	Minimum
E) Expedited Film Permit Service	$412	Per Permit
Use of City Parking Lots		
A) September 16th through May 14th	$28	Per Space/Day
B) May 15th through September 15th	$36	Per Space/Day
Other Fees, If Applicable		
A) Pre-Application Meeting (upon request crew <11; mandatory 11+)	1st Free, Additional $310	Per Meeting
B) City Film Monitor (as needed)	Fully Burdened Staff Cost	Per Hour*
C) Use of City Personnel	Fully Burdened Staff Cost	Per Hour*
D) Use of City Equipment and Vehicles	Reimbursed at Market Rate	
E) Encroachment Permit (as needed)	See Public Works Fee Schedule	
Violations:		
A) Filming/Photography without a Permit	2x Applicable Fees	
B) Violation of Permit	$362	Per Violation, Per Day

*Includes overtime pay, if applicable

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FILM PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant's Name *(please print)*: _____
Production Company: _____ **Phone:** _____
Location Manager: _____ **Phone:** _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
Project Title: _____
Type of Production (Choose all that apply):

☐ Motion ☐ Still ☐ TV ☐ Feature ☐ Commercial ☐ Video ☐ Music

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

NOTE: Seal Beach Municipal Code restricts filming to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Filming is prohibited on weekends, holidays, and during the summer months. NO EXCEPTIONS.

City Location(s) Requested:

Location 1: _____
Location 2: _____
Location 3: _____

Description of Activities (Be Specific): _____
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Logistical Details:
Please note that a minimum of 10 business days is required prior to filming date for issuance of film permit.

Location(s)	Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Special Effects	Total # Cast & Crew	Miscellaneous Information

# of People	# of Generators	# of Trucks	# of Vans	Dressing Rooms	Motor Homes	Camera Cars	Crew Cars	Caterer	Other

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PROPOSED ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Please Note: Any activity engaged in a location but not selected or described on application will not be permitted and is cause for revocation of permit.

☐ Drive By's	☐ Drive w/traffic	☐ Drive Ups/Away	☐ Nudity	☐ Special Effects
☐ Street Closure(s)	☐ Amplified Sound	☐ Camera on Street	☐ Animals	☐ Stunts

Stunt Details: _____
_____

Special Effects Details:_____
_____

Pyrotechnics Details:_____
_____

Additional Notes: _____
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CITY OF SEAL BEACH FILMING PERMIT INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the approval by the City of Seal Beach ("City") of my Filming Permit Application, I, _____, shall defend (with counsel acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold the City, its officials, officers employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively "the indemnitees") free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to any acts, omissions or conduct of mine, my employees, agents, consultants, and contractors arising out of or in connection with the issuance of the Filming Permit and the activities permitted thereby. This obligation includes without limitation the payment of all consequential damages and attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses. I shall defend (with counsel acceptable to the City), at my own cost, expense, and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions, or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against the Indemnitees. I shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award, or decree that may be rendered against the Indemnitees in any such suit, action, or other legal proceeding. I shall reimburse the Indemnitees for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection with or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. My obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Indemnitees.

I have read, do understand, and hereby agree to the above indemnity agreement.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF FILMING PERMITS

1. Proper notification is to be provided to each merchant and/or resident within 500' of filming location 72 hours prior to filming. The production company is responsible for this notification.

2. Do not block driveways or alleys for any reason.

3. Trespassing onto neighboring residential properties outside the boundaries of the approved film permit is prohibited during filming.

4. Applicant is responsible for all clean up during and after the event including placement of additional portable trash cans, if necessary, for events on public streets or public property. Trash and signs must be picked up and disposed of properly.

5. Any removal and/or trimming of vegetation or trees are strictly prohibited.

6. Any signs covered or removed for filming activities must be returned to their original condition upon completion of the project. Also, remove all posted materials upon strike.

7. Keep noise levels to a minimum. The use of bullhorns is prohibited. Audio playback must not exceed or violate Municipal Code standards. Amplified sound is restricted in most areas of the City of Seal Beach.

8. Unless expressly approved by the permit, animals of any kind will not be allowed on filming location.

9. Observe designated smoking areas and extinguish cigarettes in receptacles.

10. No lewd or improper language is permitted within earshot of the general public.

11. Permit applications must be submitted with all required information in order to process the permit. Incomplete submittals may result in revocation of your permit. The film company must comply with all provisions of the permit.

12. Regular parking enforcement will be in effect throughout Seal Beach unless other arrangements have been made in advance. Film vehicles not clearly labeled by film company will be towed if parked in a designated parking space.

13. Company vehicles shall not impede emergency vehicle access into beach parking lots or sand access points.

14. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in public or on the beach.

15. No open flames are allowed anywhere in Seal Beach for cooking food (catering) or otherwise.

16. Catering/service vehicles, tables, canopies, equipment, generators and food goods must be on pre-approved locations only. Catering services may not block the public right of ways.

17. All pyrotechnics require a permit issued by Orange County Fire Authority. A fire crew and paramedics must be on the set during the filming of any scenes using these effects. All requisite permits are the responsibility of the applicant.

18. Use of bullhorns is prohibited.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF FILMING PERMITS (CONTINUED)

19. Sanitary Facilities: Production company must provide portable facilities if the crew and cast number more than 15.

20. Due to the high attendance on the beach during the summer months, no film permits will be granted beginning Memorial Day weekend through the Tuesday after Labor Day weekend.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____