

SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO CODE RE: FILMING PROJECTS

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1. Registration and Permits

All filming activities within the Town of Dewey Beach must register with the Dewey Beach Police Department at least 30 calendar days prior to the planned start of filming.

A Filming Permit Application must be submitted, detailing:

Name and contact information of the production company and key personnel.

Dates, times, and specific locations of filming.

Description of filming activities, including use of special effects, drone usage, or road closures.

The Police Department shall review the application for public safety implications and coordinate with other town departments as needed.

No filming project will be permitted between May 15th and September 15th.

2. Business License

Productions must have a valid Business License issued by the Town of Dewey Beach for commercial filming purposes.

Temporary Business Licenses may be issued for productions lasting fewer than 30 days, subject to approval.

3. Insurance Requirements

Proof of comprehensive liability insurance is required for all filming activities.

Minimum coverage shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence, naming the Town of Dewey Beach as an additional insured.

Insurance must cover damages or injuries resulting from the production's activities on public or private property.

4. Safety and Environmental Considerations

Filming must comply with all local, state, and federal safety regulations.

Production companies shall provide a safety plan, including emergency contacts and evacuation procedures.

No filming activities shall cause harm to the local environment, including dunes, wildlife habitats, and beach vegetation.

Use of drone technology must comply with FAA regulations and requires separate approval.

5. Traffic and Public Access

Any road or beach area closures require additional permits and coordination with the Police Department.

Filming activities must not unreasonably restrict public access to town beaches, parks, or facilities.

Appropriate signage and flaggers must be used to protect pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

6. Noise and Nuisance Control

Filming must comply with the Town's noise ordinances.

Use of amplified sound requires prior approval.

Filming activities shall minimize disruption to residents and businesses.

7. Fees

A non-refundable application and permit fee of \$500 to cover administrative costs and potential public services (e.g., police presence, traffic control) plus \$100 per day of operation in Dewey Beach

8. Enforcement and Penalties

The Town reserves the right to revoke permits for violations of any part of this resolution.

Unauthorized filming activities may be subject to fines or other penalties as provided under Town ordinances.

This resolution aims to balance the benefits of filming with protection for the town, its residents, and the environment.