

**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Schiff

**Amending Title 20, Chapter 536 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Zoning Code: Specific Development Standards**

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 536.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by amending to the following specific development standard in alphabetical sequence to read as follows:

536.20. Specific development standards. The uses listed below are subject to the following specific development standards, in addition to all other applicable regulations:

Film, video and audio production.-

- (1) Except in the I3 District, all activity shall be within a completely enclosed building with soundproofing, and sound shall not be audible outside the building.
- (2) The zoning administrator may authorize a reduction to, or elimination of, the minimum window area requirement for film, video and audio production uses where it is determined that compliance with the window requirement would unreasonably interfere with the soundproofing needs of the business. In order to meet the intent of the ordinance, the zoning administrator may impose conditions to mitigate the impact of the reduced window area. To achieve this reduction, film, video and audio production uses are subject to the following:
 - a. Submission of a report prepared by an acoustical engineer detailing the need for additional soundproofing that is not attainable through the use of windows.
 - b. Blank, uninterrupted walls that do not include windows, entries, recesses or projections, or other architectural elements, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in length.
 - c. Exterior materials used to close any existing window openings shall be similar to and compatible with the existing materials of the building.
 - d. The applicant shall propose amenities or improvements that address any adverse effects of reducing the window requirement. Amenities or improvements may include, but are not limited to, additional landscaping and screening, murals, or other graffiti resistant treatments.