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Film and Video Permits

If you are planning film production or a video project, permits are required. A [checklist](#) of requirements, including a [list of staff](#) and landmarks as well as [frequently asked questions](#) are all available. You can begin this process by contacting Craig Eliason, Film and Video Coordinator at (612) 673-3370 or craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov and include:

- Name of Company and Contact Person
- Date(s), time, and address/location of the shoot
- Type of Shoot (i.e. commercial, corporate, television)
- Project Budget

While most requests can be completed in 2 to 3 days, as much advance notice as possible is appreciated. City Hall offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.



Film and Video Permits in Minneapolis Checklist

From the Mississippi River to historic City Hall and the downtown skyway system, Minneapolis is a great location for filming and photography. The City's Film and Video Coordinator, Craig Eliason, at craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov or (612) 673-3370 can help you navigate access to permits needed to film on streets, alleys and sidewalks; secure police officers for traffic and pedestrian control; and obtain parking meter hoods and special parking arrangements.

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Obstruction Permits: It is unlawful to block or hinder any public street or sidewalk without an obstruction permit. Apply at <http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/>.

Location Permits: Filming at a specific public location may require special permission or permit through a city-related board, commission, or private management company. Contact the individuals listed below or Craig Eliason at (612) 673-3370 or craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov.

Lakes, Parks and Riverfront: If you plan to film in a park, around one of the city lakes, at the Walker Art Center Sculpture Garden, or on the Mississippi Riverfront, contact the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Annie Olson, Program Specialist, at (612) 230-6400 or aolson@minneapolisparke.org. Fees vary according to location, length of time, and project type.

Minneapolis City Hall: This impressive structure, built from 1887 to 1906, was designed by Long and Keys Architects and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. An Indemnification and Release of Claims Agreement with the Municipal Building Commission is required. (612) 596-9512 or <http://www.municipalbuildingcommission.org/>.

Skyways: Skyways are a unique component of the Minneapolis cityscape and can provide a special birds-eye view for your project. Some skyways are publicly controlled; others are controlled by the adjacent property owners. The City can provide up-to-date information regarding property ownership. Contact Craig Eliason at (612) 673-3370 or craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov.

Landmarks:

Peavey Plaza: Contact Mike Kennedy at mike.kennedy@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3147 at the City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department.

Nicollet Mall: Contact Craig Eliason at (612) 673-3370 or craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov who will assist in issuing an obstruction permit with the approval of the Nicollet Mall Advisory Board.

- Mary Tyler Moore Statue:** Contact Craig Eliason at craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3370 who will assist in securing an obstruction permit with the approval of Viacom/TVLAND.
- Light Rail Transit (LRT):** Contact Kelci Stones at kelci.stones@metc.state.mn.us or (612) 349-7686.
- City Buses (Metro Transit):** Contact Jay Russell at jay.russell@metc.state.mn.us or (612) 349-7310.
- Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission):** Contact Bobbi Ellenberg at ellenbb@msfc.com or (612) 335-3318.
- Hennepin County Central Library:** Contact Jody Munson at jmunson@hclib.org or (952) 847-8516.
- Parking, Hooded Meters and No Parking Signs:** To obtain an obstruction permit, request the hooding of meters or posting for no parking, apply at <http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/> .
- Hennepin County Government Center Plaza:** Contact Diana Houston at (612) 348-5130 or Diana.houston@co.hennepin.mn.us.
- City-owned Parking Ramps:** Contact Tim Blazina at tim.blazina@minneapolismn.gov or (612) 673-2242.
- Midtown Greenway:** Contact John Tripp at john.tripp@co.hennepin.mn.us or (612) 348-9265.
- Location Assistance:** Contact Minnesota Film and Television Board at www.mnfilmtv.org or (612) 767-0095.



Film and Video Permits in Minneapolis Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why do I need a permit?

It is unlawful to impede movement on a public street or sidewalk without a permit. Therefore, the City of Minneapolis must issue an obstruction permit for filming and/or photographing. This requirement ensures safety and efficiency for your project.

<http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/>.

2. What are the permit fees?

Obstruction permits for filming are **free for one day** on public right-of-ways in the City of Minneapolis. Fees for two or more days are listed at <http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/> on the linear foot chart. Other fees may include the following. These fees cannot be waived.

Hooded Parking Meters	\$20 service fee plus \$25 average daily fee per meter.
Minneapolis Police Officers	\$50 average per hour with a four-hour minimum required for lane closures and intermittent traffic stops. Contact Lt. Bob Kroll at (612) 290-3919 or Robert.kroll@minneapolismn.gov , Ofc. Mark Johnson at mark.johnson@minneapolismn.gov or (612) 328-3552 or Lt. Kevin Stoll at (612) 290-1543 or Kevin.stoll@minneapolismn.gov .
Lane and Road Closures	Barricades and/or cones are required for lane and road closures. Contact Highway Technologies, jamie.ptacek@hwy-tech.com or (612) 521-4200 for a quote.
Fire Hydrant Use	\$73.70 per hydrant. Email rock.rogers@minneapolismn.gov or call (612) 673- 2286 for assistance.
After-Hours Work Permit	\$134.50 per day, issued through Environmental Management for work conducted done between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Examples include use of construction equipment, building materials, fork lift, etc which impacts neighborhood, streets, or traffic. An After Hours Work Permit Application is available on our website or (612) 673-5817.

Amplified Sound Permit \$138.50 per day, issued through Environmental Management for any outside sound amplifying equipment. Examples include the use of a bullhorn or any type of amplifier or speakers, for example. An [Amplified Sound Permit Application](#) is available on our website or at (612) 673-5817.

3. How long does it take to get a permit?

The City of Minneapolis recommends that you give us as much time as possible to process your request. However, most requests can be completed in 24 to 48 hours.

4. Do I still need a permit if I am a student?

Yes. The City of Minneapolis requires commercial liability insurance for all film projects on public property. Your school may provide this insurance. However, you may need to purchase insurance coverage for the project through a rider on an existing policy, such as auto, house, or apartment insurance.

5. Can I hire a private security firm for lane closures and intermittent traffic stops during a film project?

No. Minneapolis City Code (466.140) requires Minneapolis Police Officers to regulate traffic on the streets and highways of the city. You cannot hire private security firms to meet this requirement.



Film and Video Permits in Minneapolis Local Contacts

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CPED – Film and Video Coordinator

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Public Works

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Environmental Management

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http://wcms/wwwmpls/environment/permits/environment_permits

Police Department

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