

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 following list of contacts can answer question about filming in Minneapolis.

Craig Eliason, craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3370 and include:

- Name of company, contact person and telephone number
- Date(s), time, and address/location of the shoot
- Type of shoot (i.e. commercial, corporate, television)

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 for more information:

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, visit the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation website at www.minneapolis.org/rentals/permits/ or call 612-230-6400. 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 information regarding property ownership. Contact Craig Eliason at craig.eliason@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3370.

Landmarks

The Commons: Contact info@commonsmpls.com.

Peavey Plaza: Contact Janice Saenger, Minneapolis Public Works Department, at Janice.saenger@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2002.

Nicollet Mall: Contact Kristi Haug, Nicollet Mall Advisory Board, at Khaug@minneapolisDID.com or 612-656-3509.

Hennepin County Property: Contact Diana Houston at Diana.houston@co.hennepin.mn.us or 612-348-5130.

City-owned Parking Ramps: Contact Mark Read at mark.read@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3732.

Location Assistance: Contact Minnesota Film and Television Board at www.mnfilmtv.org or 612-767-0095.