



Town of Carolina Beach
Film Policy

The following guidelines reflect an attempt to balance the needs of filmmakers with those of businesses, residents, and the public interest, and to arrive at solutions that are favorable to all.

The attached permit application is required for any filming activity taking place within Carolina Beach town limits. The application is to be addressed to the Town Manager and a pre-production meeting is required between the Location Manager and the Town Manager, as well as the Police Chief and Public Works Director.

A complete listing of all anticipated locations with tentative dates is requested at this time, so as not to interfere with city services, local events and festivals, or other filming activities of which the location manager may not be aware. In addition, as the filming continues, a written weekly schedule identifying any special needs, or unique situations will be submitted to the Town Manager. An original insurance certificate will also be requested at this time. All productions are required to maintain public liability insurance policies for filming on location within the Town. The following amounts are required:

General Liability Insurance (naming the Town as additional insured)	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000
Worker's Comp and Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000

Thirty days notice is recommended and may be required, as all requests are considered on a first-come-first-serve basis, and time may be needed to work out any difficulties, town services or signage issues associated with the planned activities. The Production Company shall limit the activities and time frame specified in the outlined agreement between the Production Company and Town Manager.

Notification of affected residents and/or businesses should take place following the Town's review of the request, and no less than 5 business days prior to the planned activity.

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Traffic Control and Street Closure

Street closures during business hours are strongly discouraged, especially in the downtown business district.

Requests for street closures or diverting of traffic should be made well in advance to allow for planning of alternate routes and proper signage. Production companies who wish to detour traffic inside the Town's limits must submit a plan in writing ten working days in advance to the Town Manager and Police Chief. In addition traffic control, if needed, must be handled by off-duty police officers hired by the production company through the Town's Police Chief (the fee for off-duty police officers is \$25/hour). The Town retains the right to determine the number of officers needed.

No holding of traffic is permitted during morning and/or evening "rush" hours on streets which experience traffic congestion during these times, or on streets affected by school traffic during their opening and closing hours. Each case will be evaluated individually by the Town Manager, Police Chief, and Director of Public Works. In general, "rush" hours are defined as follows:

Morning:	7:30 am - 9 am
Lunch:	12 noon - 1:30 pm
Evening:	4:30 pm - 6 pm
Elementary Schools:	7:30 am - 8:30 am, 2:15 pm - 3 pm

Interruption of traffic on State maintained streets requires additional approval from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Special Effects, Explosives, and Similar Devices

Film activity which involves the use of motor vehicle stunts or crashes, explosives, pyrotechnics, fire, smoke making machines or other special effects of this kind may not be undertaken unless specifically approved in advance by the Town Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief.

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Fees

Fees for Town services or facilities will be charged at the current rate. The following services will require compensation:

1. Use of Police Officers
2. Use of Fire Department for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, filling up a pool or moat, etc.
3. Use of Town water
4. Use of Public Works personnel
5. Renting of parking lot or parking spaces

Other Required Guidelines

1. All equipment or support vehicles not in immediate use shall be parked so as not to cause any interference to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.
2. Production vehicles must not block fire hydrants, driveways, or other access ramps unless authorized by the Town Manager and property owner. Ten feet of clearance must be left on either side of affected driveways, unless otherwise authorized.
3. Production vehicles must be parked in such a way as to not impede safe lines of vision at intersections, and be in accordance with all Town ordinances regarding on-street parking.
4. Lighting for filming, both during the day and at night, should be oriented away from neighboring residences wherever possible, and should not interfere with the safe movement of traffic.
5. Production companies are responsible for vacating locations used with a minimum amount of noise and disruption at the end of each shooting day.
6. Production companies blocking or holding traffic on streets scheduled for garbage pickup are responsible for moving trash cans to a location accessible to sanitation vehicles and then returning them to their proper owners.
7. Production companies are responsible for returning any public rights of way used for filming to their original condition in a timely manner, and for repairing damage to foliage, grass, or public property.



Town Of Carolina Beach
Application for Film Permit

The information below is a request for approval of filming permit.

If you have any questions, please call (910) 458-2995
or fax application to (910) 458-2997

Permit Approved By _____ Date _____

Production Company _____ Film _____

Address _____ Contact Person _____

Office Phone _____ Fax _____ Pager _____ Mobile _____

Feature Film ____ TV Movie ____ TV Series ____ Commercial ____ Other ____

Location _____

Film Date _____ Hours _____

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, alternate date will be _____

Describe scene _____

Street Closure _____

Equipment parking _____

Base Camp _____

Crew Parking _____

Vehicular/Pedestrian traffic control requested _____

Special situations/effects (stunts, animals, gunfire, noise, etc.) _____

Special requests (Town services such as hydrant meters, barricades, alteration to Town property, etc.) _____
