

Proposed Calistoga Municipal Code Revisions

Title 3 Revenue, Finance, and Expenditure

Chapter 3.30

Film Permits for Motion Picture and Television Production

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2 **3.30.010 Purpose of chapter.**

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4 It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for rules governing the issuance
5 of permits for filming activities on location within the City. The intent of this
6 chapter is to ensure that motion picture, television, commercial and nontheatrical
7 filming companies will be encouraged to use locations for filming activities within
8 the City so long as those activities are consistent with the public health and
9 safety and the protection of property. (Ord. 454, 1990).

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11 **3.30.020 Definitions**

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13 As used in this chapter:

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15 A. "Filming activity" shall mean the filming, videotaping, photographing or
16 other similar process conducted for the making of motion pictures, television
17 programs, commercial and nontheatrical film productions.
18 B. "Film permit" shall mean written authorization from the City Manager to
19 conduct the filming activity described in the permit.
20 C. "News purposes" shall mean a filming activity conducted for the purpose of
21 reporting on persons or events which are in the news for television and other
22 news services.
23 D. "Studio" shall mean a fixed place of business where filming activities are
24 regularly conducted upon the premises. (Ord. 454, 1990).

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26 **3.30.030 Permit required.**

27 It is unlawful to conduct a filming activity as defined in CMC 3.30.020(A)
28 without first obtaining a film permit from the City [pursuant to the procedures set](#)
29 [forth in CMC X.XX.XXX Special Events](#). (Ord. 454, 1990).

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31 **3.30.040 Permit exemptions.**

32 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following activities:

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34 A. Film activities conducted for news purposes as defined in CMC
35 3.30.020(C);
36 B. Filming activities conducted in a studio as defined in CMC 3.30.020(D);
37 C. Filming activities conducted for use in a criminal investigation or civil or
38 criminal proceedings. (Ord. 454, 1990).

41 **3.30.050 Permit issuance and fees.**

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43 Permits shall be issued by the City pursuant to the provisions adopted
44 from time to time by the Council, by resolution. Fees shall be as set forth in said
45 resolution as adopted by the Council from time to time. (Ord. 454, 1990).

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47 **3.30.060 Appeals.**

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49 The permit applicant may appeal a permit denial, permit condition or
50 permit revocation, or refusal to waive a deadline, under this chapter by filing an
51 appeal, within five days of the date of denial, or other action on the permit
52 application, with the City Clerk. (Ord. 454, 1990).

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55 **Title 17 Zoning**

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57 **Chapter 17.40**

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59 **Use Permits**

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61 **17.40.050 Action – Administrative use permits.**

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63 A. Administrative use permits shall be required for uses that are limited in
64 scope or of a temporary nature. An administrative use permit shall be required
65 for the following uses:

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67 ~~1. Artisans, arts and crafts display and sales;~~

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69 ~~2. Car shows, antique and specialty;~~

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71 ~~3.1.~~ Holiday or other seasonal events and sales lots for a duration of 7 or
72 more consecutive days, such as Christmas trees, pumpkin patches
73 and the like;

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75 ~~4. Farmer's markets;~~

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77 ~~5. Festivals, exhibits and special events;~~

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79 ~~6.2.~~ Outdoor bicycle rentals in conjunction with an established retail sales
80 operation;

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82 3. Outdoor dining in conjunction with an established restaurant operation;

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4. Live entertainment, outdoor with nonamplified instruments in
84 conjunction with an established business operation.

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86 5. Other temporary uses conducted on private property and not subject to
87 provisions provided in CMC X.XX.XXX Special Events, as determined
88 by the Director of Planning and Building.

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90 B. The Director of Planning and Building shall adopt findings and approve,
91 conditionally approve or deny an administrative use permit.