



Filming in Oshawa FAQ's

Do you require a Filming Location Permit for all filming in Oshawa?

All film and television production activity must be reported to and coordinated through Economic Development Services at the City of Oshawa. This includes all requests for filming, whether on private or public property, but does not include street interviews, newscasts, press conferences or visual recordings for personal purposes.

What is the cost of obtaining a Filming Location Permit?

There is no cost to obtain a Filming Location Permit.

What is the process for getting approval to film in Oshawa?

A Filming Location Permit Request should be submitted to Economic Development Services staff and they will circulate all Filming Location Permit information to appropriate staff and external parties as required. This circulation and notification process may take up to five business days (or more if a road closure is requested).

What paperwork is required for filming?

You will need to complete the following documents:

- Filming Location Permit Request
- Insurance Certificate as specified

Depending on the details of your particular production, additional approvals or paperwork may be required.

Are there any regulations for using Special Effects (FX) and stunts?

The use of guns, gun-fire, explosives, fireworks, bomb mock-ups, flash powder, detonators or flammable liquids/materials, otherwise known as Special Effects (FX), and the filming of dangerous stunts require notification of and approval from the appropriate authorities. A Special Effects Plan shall be submitted for review by the appropriate authorities. There is a fee for the review of the Special Effects Plan. Paid Duty Police Officers, Fire Services and EMS personnel may be required at the filming location for the detonation of Special Effects (FX) and dangerous situations filming. Any costs associated with these filming activities, including any restoration work, are at the expense of the Production Company.

Do we have to notify residents and businesses in the area when filming?

The Production Company may be required to notify any affected residents and local businesses in writing, prior to the commencement of filming activities. The Production Company shall also provide a copy of the notification to the City to retain on file.

How can the Production Company minimize the impact of filming activities on adjacent neighbourhoods?

Noise: Make sure that you abide by the City's Noise By-Law.

Lighting: Lighting for filming should be oriented away from neighbouring residences and businesses. Bright lights that trespass onto other properties are not permitted, unless all affected residents/business agree in writing to the interruption.

Generators: All generators used on streets or in public areas should be equipped with silencing attachments.

Night Filming: Filming cannot take place in residential areas after 11:00pm, unless agreed to in writing by all affected residents/businesses.

Animals: Wild Animals and Exotic Animals as defined under By-Law 11-96, as amended, are not permitted to be kept within Oshawa under most circumstances.

What are the basic insurance requirements?

The Production Company shall have in place a Commercial General Liability insurance policy written on an occurrence basis with a liability limit of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or an amount deemed to be satisfactory to the City at its sole discretion, per accident or occurrence and the policy must name the City of Oshawa as an Additional Insured. If Special Effects (FX) are involved in filming, the liability limit may be increased to an amount that is satisfactory to the City.

Will there be additional costs associated with filming in Oshawa?

Road Closures: If the filming requires intermittent traffic stops, rolling stops or a complete closure on a City road or a Region of Durham road, a Road Occupancy Permit (ROP) will be required. The cost of a minor City ROP is \$33. Additional costs may be incurred for a road closure of a Region road. In addition to the fee for the ROP, there would be staff and equipment costs associated with closing a road, including but not limited to Paid Duty Police Officers. These fees may vary depending on the time of day, day of week and extent of closure. City Traffic Services will provide an estimate of anticipated costs for the applicant. Road Occupancy Permits are obtained through Service Oshawa at service@oshawa.ca or 905-436-3311.

Special Effects (FX): There is a fee for the review of any Special Effects (FX), stunts or pyrotechnic plans. There may be additional costs for on-site Paid Duty Police Officers, Fire Services and EMS personnel while shooting the Special Effects.

Parking: If the Production Company vehicles cannot be contained at filming location, additional parking fees may be incurred. It is recommended that a full parking plan be established.

Facility Booking Permit: If the use of a City facility is required for a filming, i.e. parking lot, park, community centre etc. then a Facility Booking Permit will be required for that use. The cost of the City facility will be determined by the Facility Booking Office at the time of application. The Facility Booking Office can be reached directly at (905) 436-3311.