

Georgetown County Filming Permit Application

Applicant Information			
Name:			
Title/position:		Mobile phone:	
Name of business:		Office phone:	
Current mailing address of applicant/business:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Current physical address of applicant/business:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:		Principal place of business:	
In Case of Emergency			
Name of secondary contact:			
Mobile phone:		Office Phone:	
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:			
General Information			
<p>Applicability: Ordinance 2013-43 establishes the procedure for the creation, review and issuance of County film permits as they relate to the production of filming activities within Georgetown County. A permit is required for any film, video, television or movie activity, whether on public or private property, to be conducted within Georgetown County and where the resulting product is intended to be viewed, marketed, distributed or sold to the general public without regard to the medium used for its viewing, marketing, distribution or sales. This application does not contain all the information and/or requirements an applicant must review to ensure compliance. This application is to be read and utilized in accordance with Georgetown County Ordinance 2013-43, as amended, which is attached herewith.</p> <p>Exemptions: A permit is not required for news/press coverage, bonafide students engaged in school projects, and production companies, businesses or organizations with a cast and crew totaling three (3) persons or less.</p> <p>Time: An application for filming permit shall be submitted a minimum of five (5) business days prior to any intended filming activity. Only complete applications shall be considered.</p> <p>Fee: A permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is required for each application submitted.</p> <p>Licenses: All necessary licenses, if any, for filming activities shall be obtained by the applicant prior to the commencement of any filming activities. Further, any separate permit or approval required by other public agencies shall be obtained prior to the County issuing its filming permit.</p>			
The applicant has read and understands the above-stated General Information.			Initial here:
Site Identification and Project Information			
Give a complete listing of specific sites to be filmed, including address, tax map number and zoning district (add supplemental sheet if needed):			
Specific site(s) of any base camps or equipment storage sites, including address, tax map number and zoning district:			

The name and contact information of property owner(s):

Written permission from the property owner(s) for filming, base camp and storage operations: **PLEASE ATTACH.**

Anticipated hours of filming:

Anticipated total number of days for filming (the permit, if granted, will grant permission for a definite time period and the anticipated total number of days listed in the application will be considered):

Name/title of filming project:

A detailed statement of the character or nature of the proposed filming activities:

The name, address, email address and mobile phone number of the person or persons in charge of filming activity:

The best good faith estimate of the exact number of personnel, cast, crew, independent contractors of any nature providing services, and staff/cast members to be involved, including personnel, without regard to their purpose or nature, that will be on site at any one time:

Any activity which may cause public alarm, such as the use of animals, pyrotechnics, gunfire, crashes, or loud or low-flying vehicles/equipment/machines:

Parking plan:

Traffic control (if required):

Any site disturbances:

PLEASE NOTE: Additional site(s) that are not listed in this application, but are intended to be used for filming activities, will require a supplemental application and written approval from the County Administrator, or his designee, prior to any occurrence of filming activities on the subject site(s).

Notification

If the site(s) of the permitted activity lies within the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck" and further described as the area north of the Georgetown Bridge as it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway, east of the Waccamaw River, west of the Atlantic Ocean, and south of the Horry County line, then the following applies:

Within twenty-four (24) hours following the granting of any permit hereunder, the filming company by hand delivery shall notify in writing all businesses and residents within five hundred (500) feet of the permitted filming activity site(s) regarding the permitted filming activity, and shall provide to the County a copy of the notice and the addresses where delivered.

Does this section apply to you? YES NO

If YES, please ATTACH a copy of the notice and addresses where delivered to this application.

General Restrictions

1. Any County permitted filming, site work, preparation, staging or storage for filming activities may only occur within the hours of 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. each day for the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck" and further described as the area north of the Georgetown Bridge as it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway, east of the Waccamaw River, west of the Atlantic Ocean, and south of the Horry County line.
2. No filming, site work, preparation, or staging for filming may occur in Georgetown County prior to the issuance of a film permit.
3. If the site(s) of the permitted film activity lie within the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck," described above in this application, the moving of equipment on or off a filming site and/or base camp cannot occur outside of the time and place restrictions as set forth in No. 1 of General Restrictions.
4. No filming activity which involves the use of explosives, pyrotechnics, fire or other special effects which involve flames or incendiary devices may be undertaken unless a permit has been approved and obtained in writing by Georgetown County, Midway Fire, or Murrells Inlet/Garden City Fire District, or their designee.
 - a. Does your film activity require a pyrotechnic/fire permit? YES NO
 - b. If yes, please attach a copy of the permit to this application.
5. Any filming activity falling under No. 4 of General Restrictions shall be prohibited in residential zoned areas; said areas are to be determined utilizing the latest edition of the Georgetown County Zoning Map, as amended.
6. Use of public water by way of hydrant hookup shall require coordination with and specific written approval by the Georgetown County, Midway Fire, or Murrells Inlet/Garden City Fire District, or their designee, and the water utility provider who owns the hydrant.
7. Payment for any water usage shall be coordinated through appropriate water utility provider.
8. The Georgetown County Noise Ordinance, Code Section 13.8, et seq., shall at all times be in effect and applicable to any and all filming activities. The issuance of a filming permit by the County in no way relieves the applicant from any requirements and/or prohibitions found in the Noise Ordinance, as referenced in this section 3.h.
9. All filming activity requiring a permit, as defined in Section 1.c. of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage, is prohibited on any site zoned R1/2 or R10 which lies East of US Highway 17 Business, also known as the "Mickey Spillane Highway," beginning at its intersection with US Highway 17 Bypass in Georgetown County and terminating at the Horry County line, within the community known as Murrells Inlet, and further prohibited on any site, without regard to zoning, if any part of a proposed site parcel lies within 500 feet of the most proximate boundary line of any parcel zoned R1/2 or R10 that lies East of US Highway 17 Business in Murrells Inlet, as described above. Said zoning areas are to be determined utilizing the latest edition of the Georgetown County Zoning Map, as amended. The County Administrator is authorized to resolve any dispute that may arise concerning the provisions of this section.
10. For purposes of acquiring a film permit the activities of filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage shall include, but not be limited to, videoing, rehearsing, placement or marshaling of equipment or supplies, installation of lighting or sound equipment, installation of electrical equipment, food catering to cast or crew, or establishment of office, storage, home, dwelling, or work places without regard to their modular, mobile, temporary, or permanent nature. In the event there is a question as to what constitutes filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage, such question shall be resolved by the County Administrator and his/her determination shall be final.
11. The County Administrator reserves the right to restrict and/or deny film permits in streets, neighborhoods, parks, or zoning districts which have experienced undue stress due to, but not limited to, seasonal festivals and events, previous filming, current filming, natural disasters, etc. Further, in the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this section, the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.
12. In the event of a natural disaster, civil disaster, or emergency, the County Administrator reserves the right to cancel and/or revoke all outstanding film permits whether on public or private property within the County limits. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent a permit from being re-granted after the emergency event is no longer evident
13. In the event the evacuation of a street, neighborhood, park, or zoning district is deemed necessary by fire, law enforcement, or other emergency authorities, all outstanding permits for that area are canceled and/or revoked. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent a permit from being re-granted after the evacuation event is no longer necessary.
14. The County Administrator reserves the right to change, modify, update or waive provisions of this ordinance where necessary for the public's safety or convenience. In the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this section, the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.
15. The County Administrator reserves the right to cancel film permits and/or take further restrictive actions where necessary to assure adherence to this ordinance. In the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this section, the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.

The applicant has read and understands the above-stated General Restrictions.

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Traffic Control

1. The Georgetown County Sheriff shall have the authority to determine the requirements under this Section 5.
2. Any disruption in traffic, including street closures, requires the issuance of an encroachment permit from all applicable authorities prior to the issuance of a filming permit.
3. Any required public safety officials needed to administer the orderly flow of traffic during filming or traffic disruptions shall be at the discretion of the Georgetown County Sheriff or if he determines, the South Carolina Highway Patrol.
4. Intermittent holding of traffic shall not exceed three-minute intervals.
5. No holding of traffic is permitted during morning and/or evening "rush" hours. "Rush" hours are defined as follows:
 - a. Morning: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
 - b. Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - c. Evening: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Does your filming activity propose to disrupt or affect traffic? YES NO

If YES, please ATTACH copies of written permission and/or encroachment permits.

Parking Plan Required

Please ATTACH to this application a copy of the parking plan for each site that includes the following information:

1. The location of all equipment and support vehicles;
2. The location of any cast/crew trailers;
3. The location of any large trucks or trailers;
4. The location of any parking intended to encroach upon public rights of way.

Insurance

Please ATTACH to this application a copy of each of the following required insurance policies:

1. \$1,000,000 general liability insurance policy covering bodily injury, including death, and property within the County limits.
2. \$1,000,000 automobile liability insurance policy within County limits.
3. \$1,000,000 worker's compensation and employer's liability policy within County limits.

Please Note: County Council, County Administrator, and County staff shall be named as additional insureds in said policies. Should site locations dictate a larger policy amount, the County Administrator, or his designee, shall have the authority to require said policy amount increase. No permit shall be issued until proof of insurance has been received by the County.

Indemnity

Permit holder shall hold harmless and indemnify Georgetown County from all damages, suits, actions, or liabilities, including attorney fees, whether in contract or tort, resulting from their acts or omissions.

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County Staff Time Reimbursements

In addition to this permit application fee, the production company shall be required to reimburse the county for any personnel provided to the company (e.g. police, fire, traffic) for the purpose of assisting and/or overseeing the production. Fees for reimbursement shall be determined upon the review of an application and shall be based upon the amounts determined necessary in order to prevent any undue costs to the citizen taxpayers of Georgetown County. Any fees associated with this section will be negotiated and evidenced in a separate written agreement.

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Signature of applicant:

Date:

Its:

Executed this ___ day of _____, 20__.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE FILMING IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY; INCLUDING THE NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE A FILMING PERMIT PRIOR TO FILMING WITHIN GEORGETOWN COUNTY; TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS REQUIRED FOR A FILMING PERMIT; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FEE FOR FILMING PERMITS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS REGARDING FILMING IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY; TO PROVIDE REASONABLE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS WHEN FILMING; TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATIONS REGARDING FILMING AND FILMING PERMITS

1. Purpose and Applicability.
 - a. The Ordinance may be referred to as the "Film Ordinance".
 - b. This Ordinance establishes procedures for the creation, review and issuance of County film permits as they relate to the production of filming activities within Georgetown County. This ordinance is to facilitate and manage filming and the associated activities of filming within the County while protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of those who may be impacted by such activities.
 - c. A permit is required for any film, video, television, or movie activity, (hereinafter filming activity) whether on public or private property, to be conducted within Georgetown County and where the resulting product is intended to be viewed, marketed, distributed or sold to the general public without regard to the medium used for its viewing, marketing, distribution or sales; a permit is not required for news/press coverage, bonafide students engaged in school projects, and production companies, businesses or organizations with a cast and crew totaling three (3) persons or less. Each person appearing on site for the purpose of the filming activity is to be considered part of the cast and crew; the County Administrator has the authority to determine the total number of cast and crew pursuant to the purposes of this ordinance. Any film activity that requires the closing of any road or public property is required to obtain a permit regardless of any other factors.
 - d. The County approved application for film permit shall be submitted a minimum of five (5) business days prior to any intended filming activity. Only complete applications shall be considered. There shall be no maximum period of time for the County to conduct its due diligence and review of the application. The County Administrator, or his designee, is vested with the authority to grant a final approval of an application.
 - e. There shall be a film application and permit fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each application submitted; however, usage of County owned facilities or the necessity of using County staff, upon the written permission of the County Administrator, shall result in additional fees.
 - f. All necessary licenses, if any, for filming activities shall be obtained by the applicant prior to the commencement of any filming activities. Further, any separate permit or approval required by other public agencies shall be obtained prior to the County issuing its filming permit.
2. Site Identification.
 - a. Prior to the issuance of filming permit, the applicant must disclose the following:
 - i. the specific site(s) to be filmed, including address, tax map number, and zoning district;
 - ii. the specific site(s) of any base camps or equipment storage sites, including address, tax map number, and zoning district;
 - iii. the property owner(s) name and contact information;
 - iv. written permission from the property owner(s) for filming, base camp, and storage operations;
 - v. the anticipated hours of filming;
 - vi. the anticipated total number of days for filming (the permit, if granted, will grant permission for a definite time period, the anticipated total number of days listed in the application will be considered);
 - vii. a detailed statement of the character or nature of the proposed filming activities;
 - viii. the name, address, email address, and cell phone number of the person or persons in charge of the filming activity;
 - ix. the best good faith estimate of the exact number of personnel, cast, crew, independent contractors of any nature providing services and members to be involved, including the most personnel, without regard to their purpose or nature, that will be on site at any one time;
 - x. any activity which may cause public alarm such as the use of animals, pyrotechnics, gunfire, crashes, or loud or low-flying vehicles;
 - xi. the parking plan as required;
 - xii. any necessary traffic control as required; and,
 - xiii. any site disturbances.
 - b. Additional site(s) that not listed in the original application pursuant to the requirements of this ordinance, but are intended to be used for filming activities under any permit previously granted, will require a supplemental application and written approval from the County Administrator, or his designee, prior to any occurrence of filming activities on the subject site(s).
 - c. If the site(s) of the permitted activity lies within the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck" and further described as the area North of the Georgetown Bridge as it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway, East of the Waccamaw River, West of the Atlantic Ocean, and South of the Horry County line, then within twenty-four (24) hours following the granting of any permit hereunder, the filming company by hand delivery shall notify in writing all businesses and residents within five hundred (500') feet of the permitted filming activity site(s) regarding the permitted filming activity, and shall provide to the County a copy of the notice and the addresses where delivered.
3. Time, Place and Manner.
 - a. Any County permitted filming, site work, preparation, staging or storage for filming activities may only occur within the hours of 8 AM – 10 PM each day for the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck" and further described as the area North of the Georgetown Bridge as it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway, East of the Waccamaw River, West of the Atlantic Ocean, and South of the Horry County line.
 - b. No filming, site work, preparation, or staging for filming may occur in Georgetown County prior to the issuance of a film permit.

- c. If the site(s) of the permitted film activity lie within the area of Georgetown County known as the "Waccamaw Neck", as defined in Section 3.a. of this ordinance, moving of equipment on or off a filming site and/or base camp cannot occur outside of the time and place restrictions as set forth in Section 3.a. of this ordinance.
- d. No filming activity which involves the use of explosives, pyrotechnics, fire or other special effects which involve flames or incendiary devices may be undertaken unless a permit has been approved and obtained in writing by the Georgetown County, Midway Fire, or Murrells Inlet/Garden City Fire District, or their designee. Further, filming activity falling under this section, 3.d., shall be prohibited in residential zoned areas; said areas to be determined utilizing the latest edition of the Georgetown County Zoning Map, as amended.
- e. Use of public water by way of hydrant hookup shall require coordination with and specific written approval by the Georgetown County, Midway Fire, or Murrells Inlet/Garden City Fire District, or their designee, and the water utility provider who owns the hydrant.
- f. Payment for any water usage shall be coordinated through appropriate water utility provider.
- g. The Georgetown County Noise Ordinance, Code Section 13.8, et seq., shall at all times be in effect and applicable to any and all filming activities. The issuance of a filming permit by the County in no way relieves the applicant from any requirements and/or prohibitions found in the Noise Ordinance, as referenced in this section 3.h.
- h. All filming activity requiring a permit, as defined in Section 1.c. of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage, is prohibited on any site zoned R1/2 or R10 which lies East of US Highway 17 Business, also known as the "Mickey Spillane Highway", beginning at its intersection with US Highway 17 Bypass in Georgetown County and terminating at the Horry County line, within the community known as Murrells Inlet, and further prohibited on any site, without regard to zoning, if any part of a proposed site parcel lies within 500 feet of the most proximate boundary line of any parcel zoned R1/2 or R10 that lies East of US Highway 17 Business in Murrells Inlet, as described above. Said zoning areas are to be determined utilizing the latest edition of the Georgetown County Zoning Map, as amended. The County Administrator is authorized to resolve any dispute that may arise concerning the provisions of this section.
- i. For purposes of this ordinance, filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage shall include, but not be limited to, videoing, rehearsing, placement or marshaling of equipment or supplies, installation of lighting or sound equipment, installation of electrical equipment, food catering to cast or crew, or establishment of office, storage, home, dwelling, or work places without regard to their modular, mobile, temporary, or permanent nature. In the event there is a question as to what constitutes filming, site work, preparation, staging, or storage, such question shall be resolved by the County Administrator and his/her determination shall be final.

4. Lighting.

- a. All lighting must at all times be oriented and shielded away from any residential neighborhoods or residences and shall not interfere with safe movement of traffic. Any lighting utilized for any activity under the filming permit shall be shielded from encroaching into the Atlantic Ocean from land after dark.

5. Traffic Control.

- a. The Georgetown County Sheriff shall have the authority to determine the requirements under this Section 5.
- b. Any disruption in traffic, including street closures, requires the issuance of an encroachment permit from all applicable authorities prior to the issuance of a filming permit.
- c. Any required public safety officials needed to administer the orderly flow of traffic during filming or traffic disruptions shall be at the discretion of the Georgetown County Sheriff or if he determines, the South Carolina Highway Patrol.
- d. Intermittent holding of traffic shall not exceed three-minute intervals.
- e. No holding of traffic is permitted during morning and/or evening "rush" hours. "Rush" hours are defined as follows:
 - i. Morning: 7:00am – 9:00am
 - ii. Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
 - iii. Evening: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

6. Parking Plan Required.

- a. A detailed parking plan for each site location must be approved by the appropriate officials prior to issuance of a film permit. This plan shall include:
 - i. The location of all equipment and support vehicles;
 - ii. The location of any cast/crew trailers;
 - iii. The location of any large trucks or trailers; and,
 - iv. The location of any parking intended to encroach upon public rights of way.
- b. In no instance may parking block or deny access to any commercial or residential tenants or homeowners within a site location.

7. Condition and Cleanup.

- a. All site locations shall be restored to pre-filming conditions within 7 days after filming ceases at that location
- b. All trash, litter, debris or other unsightly remains shall be removed by the permit holder within 7 days after filming ceases at that location. This period may be extended for an additional 7 days upon a showing that compliance would impose an unreasonable burden.
- c. A performance bond may be required of the permit holder to guarantee the restoration and cleanup of the site, at the discretion of the County Administrator, or his designee.

8. Site Alterations.

- a. No alterations to any County owned property or public right-of-ways shall be allowed without prior consent of the County Administrator, or his designee.
- b. No alterations to any publicly owned property or right of way shall be allowed without prior consent of the applicable governmental authority having jurisdiction over that property.

9. Insurance.
 - a. Permit holder shall hold a \$1,000,000 general liability insurance policy covering bodily injury, including death, and property within the County limits.
 - b. Permit holder shall hold a \$1,000,000 automobile liability insurance policy within County limits.
 - c. Permit holder shall hold a \$1,000,000 worker's compensation and employer's liability policy within County limits.
 - d. County Council, County Administrator, and County staff shall be named as additional insureds in said policies.
 - e. Should site locations dictate a larger policy amount, the County Administrator, or his designee, shall have the authority to require said policy amount increase.
 - f. No permit shall be issued until proof of insurance has been received by the County.
10. Indemnity.
 - a. Permit holder shall hold harmless and indemnify Georgetown County from all damages, suits, actions, or liabilities, including attorney fees, whether in contract or tort, resulting from their acts or omissions.
11. County Staff Time Reimbursements.
 - a. In addition to the permit application fee in Section 1.e., the production company shall be required to reimburse the county for any personnel provided to the company (e.g. police, fire, traffic) for the purpose of assisting and/or overseeing the production. Fees for reimbursement shall be determined upon the review of an application and shall be based upon the amounts determined necessary in order to prevent any undue costs to the citizen taxpayers of Georgetown County.
12. General Restrictions.
 - a. The County Administrator reserves the right to restrict and/or deny film permits in streets, neighborhoods, parks, or zoning districts which have experienced undue stress due to, but not limited to, seasonal festivals and events, previous filming, current filming, natural disasters, etc. Further, in the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this Section 12.a., the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.
 - b. In the event of a natural disaster, civil disaster, or emergency, the County Administrator reserves the right to cancel and/or revoke all outstanding film permits whether on public or private property within the County limits.
 - c. In the event the evacuation of a street, neighborhood, park, or zoning district is deemed necessary by fire, law enforcement, or other emergency authorities, all outstanding permits for that area are canceled and/or revoked.
 - d. Nothing contained in Section 12.b. - 12.c. shall prevent a permit from being re-granted after the emergency and/or evacuation event is no longer evident.
 - e. The County Administrator reserves the right to change, modify, update or waive provisions of this ordinance where necessary for the public's safety or convenience. In the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this Section 12.e., the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.
 - f. The County Administrator reserves the right to cancel film permits and/or take further restrictive actions where necessary to assure adherence to this ordinance. In the event there is a question as to a determination made pursuant to this Section 12.f., the County Administrator is authorized to enforce his/her determinations.
13. Enforcement.
 - a. The Georgetown County Administrator shall have the authority to enforce this Ordinance and shall be authorized, through his designee, to revoke any permit issued under this ordinance, at any time, if any terms or this ordinance are violated and for other reasons as contained herein.
 - b. If a film permit is revoked then all filming activities must be ceased immediately. Further, if any other permit issued to the permit holder as a requirement of this ordinance is revoked by a separate agency, then any filming activity associated with that revoked permit shall not be allowed. Any filming associated with said revoked permit shall result in a violation of this ordinance.
 - c. Any action in violation of this ordinance shall be considered a misdemeanor. Any person acting in violation of this ordinance is subject to a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine, per occurrence, and/or thirty (30) days in jail. Nothing herein shall prevent multiple citations being issued per day if said act in violation of this ordinance is ongoing.
 - d. The Georgetown County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to shut down and/or stop work of any filming operation in violation of this ordinance and issue citations regarding the same.
 - e. The Georgetown County Sheriff is authorized to shut down any filming operation in violation of this ordinance and issue citations regarding the same.
 - f. The Georgetown County Administrator has the authority to authorize any legal action with regard to this Ordinance.
14. Severability.
 - a. If at any time a sentence, requirement, or section of this ordinance be determined by a Judge or Court to be legally non-enforceable, then the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final reading approval by the Georgetown County Council.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF October, 2013.