



NORTHWEST ILLINOIS FILM OFFICE

Filmmaker's Code of Conduct

The following are a few guidelines to abide by to help make your experience in our region continually positive.

1. When filming in a residential neighborhood or business district, proper notification is to be provided to each merchant or neighbor who is directly affected by the company (this includes parking, base camps and meal areas) at least 48 hours prior to filming. The filming notice should include:
 - Name of company
 - Name of production/phone number of production
 - Kind of production (e.g. feature film, TV Pilot, Commercial, Etc.)
 - Type of activity, and duration (i.e. times, dates and number of days, including prep and strike.)
 - Company contact (location manager, unit production manager) name and/or cell number(s)
2. Production vehicles arriving on location in or near a residential neighborhood shall not enter the area before the time stipulated on the permit, turning off engines as soon as possible. Engine idling is prohibited. Permits are never issued before 6:00am in residential areas unless filming occurs overnight. Do not park generator trucks or campers with running generators in front of residential buildings if possible.
 - a. Crew parking on set is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Illegally holding parking on streets not requested on permit is strictly prohibited.
3. Moving or towing of the public's vehicles is prohibited without the express permission of the Whiteside County Economic Development Department in conjunction with the City of Rock Falls.
4. Catered meals for the cast & crew should be confined to the area designated on the permit. All catering, craft services, construction, strike and personal trash must be removed from the location before the permit expires. The permit holder is responsible for properly disposing of all waste and garbage. Production cannot use Dept. of Sanitation trash cans or leave trash bags at the curbside among residential or business trash. The areas designated by the permit must be returned to a clean condition. If you set a standard of leaving the area better than you found it, you can have a highly beneficial impact on our region and establish a good reputation for future production.
5. Cast and crew, including parking P.A.S shall refrain from the use of aggressive or physically threatening behavior when interacting with the general public. Crews should be polite and respectful.
6. Removing, trimming, and/or cutting of vegetation or trees without proper authorization is prohibited.
7. Intermittent holding or reduction of vehicular traffic for picture is to be performed by City of _____ officers. P.A.S cannot hold or redirect vehicular traffic.
8. All oversized vehicles must have I.D.O.T Permits.

The company will comply at all times with the provisions of the filming permit. The City/County of _____ Police Department has the authority to stop production for the day for violations of the City/County of _____ or Illinois state laws and ordinances listed above.

[I have read and agree with the above directives. I will distribute copies of this to all employees of this production.]

Signature of Producer or Production Manager

Title

Date

Print Name of Producer or Production Manager

Production Company /Studio

Project Name _____



Keys to the City

A copy of this directive must be distributed to all production personnel.

Before a shoot...

- ❖ Permits should be submitted to the Northwest Illinois Film Office no later than 48 business hours before the shoot day.
- ❖ Familiarize yourself with the neighborhood in which you're shooting. Be considerate of schools, churches, senior centers, funeral homes, etc.
- ❖ Notify the community board, city council, block and merchant associations in which you are filming at least 48 hours advanced of your shoot.
- ❖ Assure businesses that you will allow customers access and truck deliveries.
- ❖ NO PARKING signs will be posted a minimum of 48 hours in advanced. Parking may not be held more than 24 hours in advance.
- ❖ When used, NO PARKING signs should be posted before the last legal time that someone could have parked.
- ❖ Use elastic bands or string, NOT tape, when posting residential letters or parking signs on trees.
- ❖ Provide blackout material tie residents' windows for night exterior shoots.
- ❖ All necessary permissions for government agency-run properties (i.e. Authorized parking, parks, bridges, courthouses, etc.) must be obtained.

During a shoot...

- ❖ Locations departments and Parking P.A.S should be sensitive to neighborhood needs while holding parking in advances.
Do not park production vehicles in bike lanes, bus stops, driveways, at fire hydrants, loading docks or in front of active theater marquees.
- ❖ All crew members, including parking P.A.S, shall wear and display ID badges at all times.
- ❖ Do not block buildings entrances. Keep equipment in front of buildings that are working directly with the shoot only. Do not trespass onto other neighbors' or merchants' private property, including stoops. Do not stage equipment in front of closed storefronts when you have an early call. Business and residents must be allowed to receive all deliveries.
- ❖ Ensure safe pedestrian passage through and around your set at all times. Cover cables with mats, keep equipment curbside or in curb lanes, don't allow crew members to congregate in pedestrian passageways. When cameras are not rolling pedestrians must be allowed to walk along any city sidewalk and gain access to any buildings.
- ❖ Find nearby lots to park non-essential vehicles if you are going to be at a location for multiple days.
- ❖ Do not park catering trucks or honeywagons in front of active restaurants. Barbecuing, use of propane or open flames is prohibited in location. Craft service tents are permitted in curb lanes only. not on sidewalks, unless specified on the filming permit.
- ❖ Campers should be tied-in and powered from one source.
- ❖ All generators must be baffled with fireproof/non-flammable material.
- ❖ Have copies of a relocations list at all times.
- ❖ Productions that film prior to 8:00am and after 10:00 pm must keep noise to a minimum. Filming exterior gunshots must occur between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00pm in residential neighborhoods.
- ❖ Non-domestic animals on set are required to have permits from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and be accompanied by handlers at all times.
- ❖ Copies of all permits issued must be available on set for general public viewing.

After the Shoot...

- ❖ Clean up after your shoot. Make a clean sweep of the area to ensure that nothing is left behind, including equipment, garbage, all resident's letters, NO PARKING signs that your production posted.