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Filming and Television Production Requirements

Nassau County is increasingly becoming a hub for the filming of numerous Television shows and Motion Pictures. Life Safety and Fire Safety are two main concerns that will arise at production locations and sets. The Nassau County Fire Marshal Office is tasked, according to the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance, with ensuring that the fire protection, property protection, and life safety in motion picture and television industry soundstages, approved production facilities, and production locations are maintained.

We request the Fire Marshal's Office be notified of any filming that will be taking place within the confines of the County, including all towns, cities, and villages.

The Nassau County Fire Marshal Film Safety Unit can be reached at 516-573-9940 or NCFMFilmSafetyUnit@nassaucountyny.gov.

When filming for Movies, TV shows, Commercials, or photoshoots in Nassau County, they shall comply with the provisions of the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance Articles XXV and XXVI. Additionally, except as otherwise prescribed, compliance with the New York State Penal Law, the New York State Labor Law, the Fire Code of New York State, **NFPA 1123, NFPA 1126, NFPA 101, NFPA 10 and NFPA 160** is required. **(NCFPO 25.1.4)**

Section 25.2 Definitions

The following words and terms shall, for the purpose of this section and as used elsewhere in this Ordinance, have the meanings shown herein.

PRODUCTION LOCATION – Any site other than a soundstage or approved production facility used for the purpose of motion picture, television, or commercial production.

Section 25.4 Production Locations

25.4.1 Inspections, Permits and Certificates of Fitness

25.4.1.1 The Fire Marshal may inspect any production location for any potential hazard to life and property.

25.4.1.2 A permit and/or Certificate of Fitness shall be obtained for any of the following activities:

1. Use of pyrotechnic special effects
2. Use of open flames
3. Welding and/or cutting
4. Use of flammable or combustible liquids or gases

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25.4.3 Standby Fire Personnel

25.4.3.1 Pyrotechnics

25.4.3.1.1 Where required by the Fire Marshal, standby Fire Marshal personnel shall be provided for production locations where pyrotechnic special effects are used.

25.4.3.1.2 Where required by the Fire Marshal, standby fire personnel, as approved by the Fire Marshal shall be provided for production locations where pyrotechnic special effects are used, unless otherwise waived by the Fire Marshal.

25.4.6 Electrical Requirements

25.4.6.1 Electrical power connections made to the site electrical service shall be made by a licensed and approved electrician.

25.4.6.2 Portable cables shall be positioned to allow for clear emergency egress subject to approval by the Fire Marshal.

25.4.6.3 Auxiliary power cables supplied from mobile generators or adjacent buildings shall be permitted to be routed through fire-rated windows and doors subject to approval by the Fire Marshal.

25.4.6.6 The location of portable, mobile, or stationary power-generating equipment shall be subject to approval by the Fire Marshal

25.4.7 Fire Department Access

Fire department access shall be maintained as required by the Fire Marshal.

25.4.8 Means of Egress

The production location shall be provided with means of egress appropriate for the intended use as approved by the Fire Marshal.

25.4.9 Fire Protection

25.4.9.7 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as may be required by the Fire Marshal

25.5.5 Emergency Services Notification

The production company shall provide a procedure acceptable to the Fire Marshal for notifying the Nassau County Police Department or an appropriate village police department and the appropriate fire department of emergency incidents.

These requirements are in place to protect the public, employees, and First Responders that attend, work or may have to respond to an emergency at these productions location. It is the objective of the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office to provide a safe location for everyone, while working collaboratively with the production companies to meet their goals.