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I. PURPOSE
The Guidelines contained in this policy are intended to create a program for promoting economic development activity within Victoria and the vicinity of the City. The following Guidelines are also intended to protect the public property of Victoria, Texas, and to promote the public health, safety and welfare. The City Manager or his/her designee reserves the right to impose additional regulations in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, or if otherwise deemed appropriate by the City Manager or his/her designee.

These Guidelines cover requests for commercial use of City-owned property (including but not limited to streets, rights-of-way, parks, and/or public buildings), commercial use of private property which may affect adjacent public property, and the use of City equipment and personnel in all types of motion picture production, including, but not limited to, feature films, television programs, commercials, music videos and corporate films.

II. CITY CONTROL/CITY MANAGER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE AUTHORITY
The City Manager or his/her designee may authorize the use of any street, right-of-way, park, or public building, equipment or personnel for commercial uses in the filming or taping of movies, television programs, commercials, or training films and related activities. In conjunction with these uses, the City Manager or his/her designee may require that any or all of the conditions and/or remuneration herein and as specified on the application be met as a prerequisite to that use.

The Applicant agrees that the City of Victoria shall have exclusive authority to grant the Applicant the use of public streets, rights-of-way, parks and public buildings of the City, as well as authority to regulate the hours of production and the general location of the production. The City reserves the full and absolute right to prohibit all filming or to order cessation of filming in order to promote the public health, safety or welfare.

The Applicant shall allow City departments (e.g., Police, Fire, Building) to inspect all structures, property, devices and equipment to be used in connection with the filming and taping, as deemed appropriate by the City Manager or his/her designee.

III. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
Before filing an application for filming in Victoria, the Victoria Convention & Visitors Bureau must be contacted to discuss the production's specific filming requirements and the feasibility of filming in Victoria, TX.

Any commercial producer who desires to undertake a commercial production in Victoria that utilizes City-owned property (including but not limited to streets, rights-of-way, parks, and/or public buildings) or utilizes private property which may affect adjacent public property is required to complete and return the attached application for filming to the Victoria Convention & Visitors Bureau, within the time frames below:

- **Commercials or episodic television:** a minimum of two (2) business days prior to the commencement of filming or any substantial activity related to the project.
- **Feature films:** a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the commencement of filming or any substantial activity related to the project.

IV. APPLICATION FEE
There is no fee associated with the application for filming in Victoria.

V. USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL
The Applicant shall pay for all costs of any Police, Fire, Public Works, or other City personnel assigned to the project (whether or not specifically requested by the production). Remuneration rates for the use of any City equipment, including police cars and fire equipment, will be established on a case-by-case basis as
determined by the City Manager or his/her designee. The Applicant shall pay all costs in full within ten (10) days after receipt of an invoice for said costs. The City Manager or his/her designee may, at his/her discretion, require an advance deposit for all costs related City personnel and/or the use of City equipment.

The City Manager or his/her designee, in consultation with the Chief of Police and/or Fire Chief, shall have the authority to stipulate additional fire or police requirements and level of staffing at any time during a film project if it is determined to be in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare, which cost shall be borne entirely by the Applicant.

Off-duty police officers and firefighters shall be paid by the production company at a rate no less than one and one-half times their hourly rate.

VI. USE OF CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE
The City Manager or his/her designee may authorize the use of any street, right-of-way, park or public building, use of Victoria, Texas name, trademark or logo and/or use of City equipment and/or personnel for commercial uses in motion picture production. In conjunction with these uses, the City Manager or his/her designee may require that any or all of the conditions and/or remuneration as specified herein and on the application be met as a prerequisite to that use. A security or damage deposit may be required within the discretion of the City Manager or his/her designee.

The Applicant shall reimburse the City for the rental of City property. Following is the rate schedule:

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Cost per calendar day</th>
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<td>Total or disruptive use (regular operating hours) of a City of Victoria building, park, or public area that is subject to set rental fees.</td>
<td>Pricing varies by facility. <a href="#">See the complete list of City of Victoria rental facilities</a> or contact Victoria Parks and Recreation at 361-485-3200.</td>
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<td>Total or disruptive use (regular operating hours) of a City of Victoria building, park, or public area that is not subject to set rental fees. Use must be approved by City Manager or his/her designee.</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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<td>Partial, non-disruptive use of a City of Victoria building or park facility. Use must be approved by City Manager or his/her designee.</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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<td>Total or partial closure of public street or right-of-way, including parking lots and on-street parking. Applicant must submit a <a href="#">street blocking permit request</a> to the Victoria Police Department.</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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<td>Use of City parking lots, parking areas, and City streets (for the purpose of parking film trailers, buses, catering trucks, and other large vehicles)</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the City of Victoria, Texas, possesses and retains exclusive authority to grant the Applicant a revocable license for the use of its name, trademark, and logo, public streets, rights-of-way, parks and buildings of the City as well as control over the hours of production and the general location of the production. The City reserves the full and absolute right to prohibit all filming or to order cessation of filming activity in order to promote the public health, safety and/or welfare.
VII. VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
The Applicant shall provide a report listing the number of vehicles and types of equipment to be used during the filming, including proposed hours of use and proposed parking locations. Such locations will need to be specifically approved by the City Manager or his/her designee. On-street parking or use of public parking lots is subject to City approval.

The use of exterior lighting, power generators, or any other noise- or light-producing equipment requires on-site approval of the City Manager or his/her designee.

VIII. HOURS OF FILMING
Unless express written permission has been obtained from the City Manager or his/her designee in advance, filming in any City of Victoria building or indoor facility will be limited to the following hours:

- Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: Dependent upon availability
- Holidays: Dependent upon availability

Unless express written permission has been obtained from the City Manager or his/her designee in advance, filming in any City of Victoria outdoor park facility, public street, right-of-way, parking lot, or parking area will be limited to the following hours:

- 7 Days a Week: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

IX. NOTIFICATION OF NEIGHBORS
The Applicant shall provide a short written description, approved by the City Manager or his/her designee, of the schedule for the proposed production to the owners, tenants and residents of each property in the affected neighborhood(s). The Applicant, or his or her designee, shall make a good faith effort to notify each owner, tenant and resident of all such property, and shall submit, as part of this application, a report noting owners, tenants and/or residents’ comments, along with their signatures, addresses and phone numbers. Based upon this community feedback, and other appropriate factors considered by the City Manager or his/her designee, the City Manager or his/her designee may grant or deny the filming application.

X. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE
The Applicant shall attach a valid certificate of insurance, issued by a company authorized to conduct business in the state of Texas, naming the City of Victoria and its agents, officers, elected officials, employees and assigns, as additional insured, in an amount not less than $1,000,000 general liability, including bodily injury and property damage with a $5,000,000 umbrella; and automobile liability (if applicable) in an amount not less than $1,000,000 including bodily injury and property damage.

XI. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
The Applicant shall pay in full, within ten (10) days of receipt of an invoice, the costs of repair for any and all damage to public property, resulting from or in connection with, the production, and restore the property to its original condition prior to the production, or to better than original condition.
XII. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Applicant shall sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement holding the City harmless from any claim that may arise from their use of designated public property, right-of-way, or equipment in conjunction with the permitted use:

I certify that I represent the firm which will be performing the filming/taping at the locations specified on the attached permit application. I further certify that I and my firm will perform in accordance with the directions and specifications of The City of Victoria, Texas, and that I and my firm will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Victoria, Texas and its elected officials, officers, servants, employees, successors, agents, departments and assigns from any and all losses, damages, expenses, costs and/or claims of every nature and kind arising out of or in connection with the filming/taping and other related activities engaged in pursuant to this Application.

I further certify that the information provided on this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I possess the authority to sign this and other contracts and agreements with the City of Victoria, Texas on behalf of the firm.

Signed: ________________________________
Title: __________________________________
Date:__________________________________
THE CITY OF VICTORIA, TX

Application for Commercial Filming

Title of project

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of production (feature film, television production, commercial, corporate, music video, etc.)

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Proposed Filming Locations (attach additional pages if necessary)

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Date(s) of prep/filming

____________________________________________________________________________________

Primary Contact

  Name
  Cell phone
  Email

Location Manager (if different from Primary Contact)

  Name
  Cell phone
  Email

Production Company Information

  Name of Production Company
  Address
  City/State/Zip
  Web Site
  Primary Contact’s Name
  Primary Contact’s Phone
  Primary Contact’s Email
Is this production already in contact with the Texas Film Commission? _____________

If yes, who is your contact at the Texas Film Commission?

Name
Phone
Email

PRODUCTION (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

1. Production schedule and activities, including stunts, pyrotechnics, special effects, aerial photography, amplified sound or use of animals: (Give dates and times and rain dates. Hours should include set-up, holding of sets and restoration.)

2. Approximate number of persons involved with the production, including cast and crew:

3. Anticipated need of City personnel, equipment or property:

4. Public areas in which public access will be restricted during production:

5. Describe alterations to public property:

6. Number and type of production vehicles to be used and location(s) where vehicles will be parked:

7. Location where crew will be fed, if not at filming location:

8. Location where extras will be held, if not at filming location:

9. Please attach map of anticipated street closure(s) or other public area use.
Applicant (production company representative):

_______________________________________________ Date: ____________
Name
Title

Application approved by **Victoria** City Manager or his/her designee:

_______________________________________________ Date: ____________

*The “Guidelines for Filming in Victoria, Texas” apply to all motion picture production in Victoria.*

*The Office of the City Manager or his/her designee may require the applicant to acknowledge receipt of the Guidelines prior to approving this application.*