

ORDINANCE 2020-06

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE TO VIDEO, FILM, AND PHOTOGRAPHY PRODUCTION PERMIT AND TO AMEND APPENDIX A, CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin is a popular destination to video, film, and photograph; and

WHEREAS, professional visual content is being produced at a faster rate to be used for social media and streaming platforms; and

WHEREAS, producers and photographers may need to block or restrict pedestrian and/or vehicular access and/or use large-equipment to produce their visual product; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin needs timely notice when sidewalks and/or streets must be restricted or blocked for video, film, and/or photography and/or if large equipment is used by the applicant to ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists, producers, photographers, and others involved at the location of the set.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. that Title 16, Chapter 6 of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby amended to change the title as follows:

CHAPTER 6. – VIDEO, FILM, PHOTOGRAPHY PRODUCTION PERMITS

SECTION II. that Title 16, Chapter 6, Section 16-601 of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby deleted in its entirety and amended as follows:

Sec. 16-601. – Purpose and intent.

This chapter is intended to provide for the issuance of permits to film and video producers and photographers for the temporary use of public streets and places and/or use of large-scale equipment, when such use does not conflict with public safety, health, or public welfare.

SECTION III. that Title 16, Chapter 6, Section 16-602 of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby deleted in its entirety and amended as follows:

Sec. 16-602. – Definitions.

Video, film, photography productions shall mean set-up, staging, filming, videotaping, photographing, or any other activity related to the production of motion pictures, film shorts, music or entertainment videos, television presentations, advertising, professional photography, or other commercial materials.

Large-scale equipment shall mean any equipment that blocks pedestrian and/or motor vehicle access or that conflicts with public safety, health, or public welfare.

SECTION IV. that Title 16, Chapter 6, Section 16-603 of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby amended delete the section in its entirety and replace with the language as follows:

(1) No person shall use any public street, road, alley, right-of-way, public facility or public place owned by the City of Franklin for video, film, or photography production without having first obtained a permit from the city administrator.

(2) This chapter shall not apply to filming, videotaping, or photography done for news gathering, for use in criminal investigations by law enforcement agencies or for use in judicial proceedings.

(3) A permit application fee shall be required as explained in Appendix A, Chapter 16 under Video, Film Photography Permit Fees.

SECTION V. that Title 16, Chapter 6, Section 16-604(1)(a) of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby deleted in its entirety and the following shall be replaced:

Sec. 16-604. - Application.

(1) Application for a permit under this chapter shall be made to the city administrator and shall contain the following information:

(a) The address or location to be used for the motion picture or television production and identification of streets or portions thereof to be closed or temporarily restricted.

SECTION VI. that Title 16, Chapter 6, Section 16-605 of the Franklin Municipal Code hereby amended to add subsection (4) as follows:

Sec. 16-605. - Security for costs; insurance; indemnification.

(4) If the permittee makes changes to their permit after it is approved, the changes must be approved by the City of Franklin. If the permittee makes changes to their permit without notifying the City of Franklin for approval, the permittee will incur additional fees. Each fee is explained in Appendix A, Chapter 16 under Video, Film Photography Permit Fees.

SECTION VII. that nine new amendments are added to Appendix A Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin and it shall read as follows:

<i>Video, Film, Photography Permit Fees</i>	
Non-refundable application	\$100
Rush Fee (4 days or less notice)	\$300

Parking space reservation	\$50 per space per day
Police Personnel	Determined by the department
Fire Personnel	Overtime for Personnel
Other Personnel	Overtime for Personnel
Approved Changes for Approved Permit	\$100 per approved change
Unapproved Changes for Approved Permit	\$200 per unapproved change

SECTION VIII. BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage on second and final reading, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Franklin Tennessee, requiring it.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: _____

Eric S. Stuckey

City Administrator/Recorder

By: _____

Dr. Ken Moore

Mayor

Approved as to form by:

Shauna R. Billingsley

City Attorney

PASSED FIRST READING: _____

PASSED SECOND READING: _____