



Ventura County Film Permit Fee Summary

County of Ventura Resource Management Agency Planning Division

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The Planning Division assesses film permit fees and collects some fees for other County departments to make the payment process more efficient. All fees are nonrefundable unless collected in error. The fees are as follows:

Planning Division Film Permit Fees		
Film Permit Application Fee	\$340	(Nonrefundable) Due upon permit submittal.
Film Location Fee for Occasional Filming Activities	\$255	For first location, \$166 for each additional location, including basecamp
Filming Activities Requiring Waivers	\$425	For the first location, \$300 for each additional site/location
Film Permit Amendment	\$170	For minor changes to an approved film permit
Still Photography Location Fee	\$150	For the first location, \$140 for each additional site/location

Other Department Fees		
Business License Fee	\$187	\$187 for first day of filming. \$150 for subsequent days of filming (includes prep and strike)
Fire Department Review Fee for Filming	\$304	
Fire Department Review Fee for Still Photography	\$152	
Animal Services Review Fee	\$50	For filming that includes the use of animals

Below is a sample of a film permit invoice for a production filming a commercial at two locations, with two film days.

FEE TYPE	FEE AMOUNT
Application Fee (paid at the time of submittal)	\$340
First location	\$255
Second location	\$166
Business license fee for two film days	\$337 (\$187 for the first day, \$150 per subsequent days)
Fire Department Review Fee	\$324
Total	\$1,422

Separate permits and fees may be required from other County agencies, such as an [Encroachment Permit](#) from the Public Works Agency for filming on County roads or from the General Services Agency when filming at County Parks. Please contact the respective County agency for permit information and fees.

Q. How can I estimate the film permit fees?

A. There is a film permit calculator that can help estimate the total cost for the permit. To access the fee calculator, please visit this [link](#).

Q. How do I pay the film permit fees?

A. The Film Permit Application Fee (\$340) must be paid at the time of submittal. Payment must be made in the form of a credit card payment online (<https://vcca.ventura.org>), check, or cash. Paying online by credit card incurs a convenience fee of 2.15%. All fees must be paid prior to the issuance of a Film Permit.

Q. How do I obtain an invoice breaking down the fees?

A. An invoice can be requested by email or phone. The Film Permit Coordinator can email the applicant an invoice of the fees.

Q. What are the Fire Department fees?

A. The Ventura County Fire Department requires that all film permit applications be reviewed. The applicant must contact Lori Ross, Filming Fire Safety Coordinator, at (805) 947-8535 prior to the submittal of a film permit application. For more information and a breakdown of the Fire Department fees, please visit this [link](#).

The Filming Fire Safety Coordinator will determine if an FSO will be assigned to a production. For more information on the Fire Department fees, download the Ventura County Fire Department Department's Questionnaire for Filming at this [link](#).