



Media Services Department Detroit Film Office Film Permit Information Guide

Prior to obtaining a film permit from the Detroit Film Office, there may be prior approvals needed. Based on the request, the following information will aid in the film application process.

Any prior approvals that have been confirmed need to be emailed to dfi@detroitmi.gov if they were not provided during the application process.

Please note that once you receive a prior approval, you are not approved to film until you have received your film permit from this department.

ITC/Police Hours

Once connected with a DPD representative, an invoice will be forwarded to you from DPD Tactical Operations Unit. The invoice must be fulfilled prior to filming to confirm adequate manpower. Police are required to be on the scene if you are using prop weapons for any exterior filming.

Drones

UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) operations requires a Part 107 certificate. The Flight Standards District Office phone number is 734-487-7222. You will need a waiver from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for the dates and times you wish to fly. https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers

Submit a film permit application to the Detroit Film Office, along with the submitting the pilots drone license as well as the drone serial number.

Buildings and Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED)

- A permit is required for tents larger than 10x10
- A permit is required for any sized generator that requires fuel; therefore combustible.
- A permit is required for use of a condor, crane or scissor lift type equipment- as these are considered "special use" items.

If instructed to complete a Temporary Use Application for a permit, please plan for at least 1-2 weeks for review and processing.

Please follow this link to complete and submit your application:

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2020-07/Submitting%20Permit%20Applications%20Online.pdf>

Downtown Detroit Parks

If you request B-Roll, Film and or Photography at any of these Downtown Parks please complete a request from with Downtown Detroit Partnership here:

<https://downtowndetroit.org/experience-downtown/downtown-detroit-parks/contact-the-parks/>

- Campus Martius
- Grand Circus Park
- Beacon Park
- Cadillac Square
- Capitol Park
- Woodward Esplanade

City of Detroit Parks

Detroit Parks and Recreation: You will need to create an account before you can access the application.

<https://register.communitypass.net/DetroitCityof>

- **Hart Plaza and Spirit Plaza**

<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-parks-recreation/recreation-events-permits>

Municipal Parking

Request to reserve parking at any metered spaces and to purchase a group parking arrangement, please contact:

Brittaney Washington

313-221-2541

washingtonbr@detroitmi.gov

Belle Isle

Belle Isle is managed by the State of Michigan - Department of Natural Resources. You are required to complete their application if your filming activity is taking place solely on Belle Isle.

Please find the link to their website below:

https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79137_79765_84005_84000---,00.html