

City of Ypsilanti  
NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE  
Ordinance No. 1105

An ordinance to regulate filming within the City of Ypsilanti.

**1.** THE CITY OF YPSILANTI ORDAINS That Section 10-312 of the Ypsilanti City Code be changed by adding the following:

Except as provided herein, an approved film permit shall be required for the filming of any motion picture, television production, commercial production, educational production or other video production within the City of Ypsilanti. The City Manager's office shall provide guidelines and regulations for filming and make applications available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. The City Manager may make administrative changes to the guidelines and regulations, including the fee schedule, as circumstances and costs change. The Special Events Coordinator shall evaluate applications and issue permits pursuant to the guidelines and regulations.

Filming without a permit shall be considered a misdemeanor and the film's producer and/or director may be subject to penalties pursuant to Section 74-320 of the Ypsilanti City Code of Ordinances.

A film permit is not required for the following production activities:

- (1) Filming current news.
- (2) Filming for private or family use.
- (3) Filming for use in a school project.
- (4) Filming conducted by the City's public, education and government access organizations, or by or at the direction of the City.
- (5) Filming for the transmission of live entertainment to large-screen monitors within a live entertainment venue.
- (6) Filming within a legally established commercial motion picture, television, radio or photography studio, so long as city resources are not required for such filming.
- (7) Video or multimedia broadcast on the Internet so long as city resources are not required for such filming.

**2. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have

been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

**3. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**4. Savings Clause.** The balance of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, except as herein or previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect. The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending fee, assessments, litigation, or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

**5. Copies to be available.** Copies of the Ordinance are available at the office of the city clerk for inspection by, and distribution to, the public during normal office hours.

**6. Publication and Effective Date.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of this Ordinance, to be published by printing the same in the publication of record. This Ordinance shall become effective after publication at the expiration of 30 days after adoption.

MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL THIS 6th  
DAY OF October, 2009.

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Frances McMullan, City Clerk

Attest

I do hereby confirm that the above Ordinance No. 1105 was published in the Ypsilanti Courier on the 15th day of October, 2009.

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Frances McMullan, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTING

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 6th day of October, 2009.

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Frances McMullan, City Clerk

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