



Film Permit Fees

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 departments. All fees are nonrefundable. The fees are as follows:

Planning Division Film Permit Fees		
Film Permit Application Fee	\$324	(Nonrefundable) Due upon permit submittal.
Film Location Fee for Occasional Filming Activities	\$243	(Nonrefundable) For first location, \$161 for each additional
Filming Activities Requiring Waivers	\$384	For the first location, \$161 for each additional site/location
Film Permit Amendment	\$162	For minor changes to an approved film permit

Other Department Fees		
Business License Fee	\$169	For the first film day, \$150 for each additional film day
Fire Department Review Fee for Filming	\$228	
Fire Department Review Fee for Still Photography	\$152	
Animal Services Review Fee	\$50	For activities with the use of animals

Here is a sample of a film permit invoice:

A production filming a commercial at two locations, with two film days may have an invoice similar to the following:

\$324 Application Fee (paid at the time of submittal)

\$243 for the first location

\$161 added for the second location

\$304 (\$154 + \$150) for two film days for the business license

\$216 for the Fire Department Review Fee

\$1,248 total

Separate permits and fees may be required from other County agencies, such as an [Encroachment Permit](#) from the Public Works Agency for filming on a County road or County right-of-way. Please contact the respective County agency for permit information and fees. To provide expedited service, the Planning Division collects the fee for the Fire Department and the County Tax Collector.

Q. How do I obtain an invoice?

A. The invoice will be sent via email to the applicant after the Film Permit Coordinator reviews the application.

Q. How do I pay the film permit fees?

A. The Film Permit Application Fee (\$312) must be paid at the time of submittal. Payment can be made in the form of a credit card payment online (<https://vcca.ventura.org>), cash or check, payable to the "County of Ventura." Please include the film permit number on the check. After the Film Permit Application has been initialized, the Film Permit Coordinator will email the applicant an invoice of the fees. All fees must be paid prior to the issuance of a Film Permit.

If the payment is mailed, please note that it must arrive before the first prep or film date (whichever is earlier). Mail the payment to the following address:

**County of Ventura
Attn: Film Permits Coordinator - Planning Division
800 S. Victoria Ave. L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009**

If the payment is dropped off, the Planning Division is located in the Hall of Administration in the Ventura County Government Center. Click [here](#) for directions. You can drop off the payment at the Planning Counter between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

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 follow 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](#).