

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Film Production Fees and Notice Requirements]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to add “web series” to the schedule of film production use fees and to establish notice requirements to affected residents and businesses for film productions that will result in parking or traffic obstructions lasting four consecutive hours or more.

Existing Law

1. Administrative Code, Section 57.3 authorizes the Film Commission (“Commission”) to adopt rules and regulations governing permitted film production activities. Although the Commission issues guidelines for film companies to notify residents and merchants of planned film production activities, there is neither a rule nor an ordinance governing this subject.
2. Under Administrative Code, Section 57.5, the Commission may charge daily use fees for “[a] television series, movie, pilot, or documentary” that range from \$50 a day for a production with a budget of less than \$100,000, to up to \$300 a day for those with a budget of \$500,000 or greater. Although Section 57.8 includes “web series,” together with “television series,” in the definition of qualified film productions eligible to apply for the film rebate program, the Administrative Code does not expressly list “web series” among the types of film productions for which the Commission may charge use fees.

Amendments to Current Law

1. Under the proposed ordinance, if a film company filming under a use contract with the City for the use of City property or employees anticipates that its film production activities will cause a parking or traffic obstruction lasting for four consecutive hours or more, the film company shall, when feasible, at least 24 hours prior to the start of those production activities, provide notice to affected residents and businesses within 150 feet of the location of the anticipated parking or traffic obstruction. The notice must include the name of the film company; the date(s) and times of filming; a general description of the production activities and the anticipated parking or traffic obstruction, and film company, Police Department, and Commission contact information. The film company may provide the notice through signs, leaflets, telephone calls, door-to-door canvassing, U.S. mail, and/or the internet or other digital media, provided that such notice is reasonably calculated to inform the residents and businesses of the anticipated obstruction.
2. The proposed ordinance would add “web series” to the types of film productions for which the Commission may charge use fees.