

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on November 12, 2024

TO: Mayor and Town Council
VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager
FROM: Joanne O'Connor, Town Attorney
RE: Discussion on Commercial Motion Picture Making Ordinance
DATE: November 1, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Council directed Town Staff and the Town Attorney at the August 13, 2024, meeting to review the existing Commercial Motion Picture Making Ordinance (Chapter 22, Article IV.) and provide recommendations on amendments to the current language for consideration. Staff presented draft ordinance language at the September 10, 2024, meeting. The Town's legal counsel incorporated commentary from the September 10 meeting into the draft for review at the October 8, 2024, meeting. Following Town Council's discussion of this item at the October 8 meeting, the Town's legal counsel worked with Staff to incorporate additional comments.

Before you for first reading is a proposed ordinance that repeals Article IV, Commercial Motion Picture Making and replaces it with Article IV, Filming Operations. This new ordinance includes the following changes:

- Details what constitute filming operations;
- Clarifies that filming operations are not limited to commercial motion picture making;
- Establishes exemptions from the requirement to obtain a permit for certain filming operations: personal/family use, educational use, news media and law enforcement/regulatory.
- Requires a hearing before Town Council to approve filming permits when filming operations
- Requires changes to filming permit applications before and after permits are granted to be brought to Town Council;
- Revises the time of day limitations for filming operations while removing the blanket prohibition on filming operations during season;
- Details the various grounds pursuant to which the Town Council may deny filming permit applications
- Cross-references Town code sections prohibiting filming operations conducted to carrying on any profession, occupation or calling or for quasi-commercial and commercial purposes in private residential buildings in residential zoning districts;

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no funding/fiscal impact.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This Ordinance has been prepared, reviewed, and approved by the Town Attorney, working closely with the Deputy Town Manager, Business Enterprise and Culture and the Town's Administrative Manager and with input from the Town's Public Works and Police Departments.

Attachments

cc: Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager

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