

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: July 10, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Lyle W. Norton, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts

Subject: **Film Permit Ordinance**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 883, adding Chapter 5.46 to the Lancaster Municipal Code establishing Lancaster's Film Permit Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

None. May increase volume of business and increase revenue.

Background:

In March of 1996, the City of Lancaster established the film business office to engage in the activity of attracting film business for the economic benefit to the community. To create a "customer friendly" environment the initial guideline proposal precluded private property from city regulation.

The success and volume of business over the last ten years warrants regulation to ensure that impacts on property, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, circulation and public safety are minimized.

This proposed ordinance establishes filming regulations incorporating uniform procedures of the California Film Commission for the issuance of permits for filming, and establishes authorization for the City of Lancaster's Film Liaison to promulgate rules and regulations set forth based upon the following criteria:

1. The health and safety of all persons;
2. Avoidance of undue disruption of all persons within the affected area;
3. The safety of property within the City; and
4. Traffic congestion at particular locations within the City.