



## Film and Video Permits in Minneapolis Checklist

From the Mississippi River to historic City Hall and the downtown skyway system, Minneapolis is a great location for filming and photography. The City's Film and Video/Special Events Coordinator, Phil Schliesman, at [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or (612) 673-3907 can help you navigate access to permits needed to film on streets, alleys and sidewalks; secure police officers for traffic and pedestrian control; and obtain parking meter hoods and special parking arrangements.

**Contact Phil Schliesman, Film and Video/Special Events Coordinator** at (612) 673-3907 or [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and include:

- Name of Company and Contact Person
- Date(s), time, and address/location of the shoot
- Type of Shoot (i.e. commercial, corporate, television)
- Project Budget

**Obstruction Permits:** It is unlawful to block or hinder any public street or sidewalk without an obstruction permit. Apply at <http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/>.

**Location Permits:** Filming at a specific public location may require special permission or permit through a city-related board, commission, or private management company. Contact the individuals listed below or Phil Schliesman at (612) 673-3907 or [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

**Lakes, Parks and Riverfront:** If you plan to film in a park, around one of the city lakes, at the Walker Art Center Sculpture Garden, or on the Mississippi Riverfront, contact the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Annie Olson, Program Specialist, at (612) 230-6400 or [aolson@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:aolson@minneapolisparks.org). Fees vary according to location, length of time, and project type.

**Minneapolis City Hall:** This impressive structure, built from 1887 to 1906, was designed by Long and Keys Architects and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. An Indemnification and Release of Claims Agreement with the Municipal Building Commission is required. (612) 596-9512 or <http://www.municipalbuildingcommission.org/>.

**Skyways:** Skyways are a unique component of the Minneapolis cityscape and can provide a special birds-eye view for your project. Some skyways are publicly controlled; others are controlled by the adjacent property owners. The City can provide up-to-date information regarding property ownership. Contact Phil Schliesman at (612) 673-3907 or [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

**Landmarks:**

**Peavey Plaza:** Contact Laura Hulke at (612) 673-3147 or [laura.hulke@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:laura.hulke@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) at the City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department.

**Nicollet Mall:** Contact Phil Schliesman at [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or (612) 673-3907 who will assist in issuing an obstruction permit with the approval of the Nicollet Mall Advisory Board.

- Mary Tyler Moore Statue:** Contact Phil Schliesman at (612) 673-3907 or [Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Philip.Schliesman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) who will assist in securing an obstruction permit with the approval of Viacom/TVLAND.
- Light Rail Transit (LRT):** Contact Kelci Stones at [kelci.stones@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:kelci.stones@metc.state.mn.us) or (612) 349-7686.
- City Buses (Metro Transit):** Contact Jay Russell at [jay.russell@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:jay.russell@metc.state.mn.us) or (612) 349-7310.
- Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission):** Contact Bobbi Ellenberg at [ellenbb@msfc.com](mailto:ellenbb@msfc.com) or (612) 335-3318.
- Hennepin County Central Library:** Contact Jody Munson at [jmunson@hclib.org](mailto:jmunson@hclib.org) or (952) 847-8516.
- Parking, Hooded Meters and No Parking Signs:** To obtain an obstruction permit, request the hooding of meters or posting for no parking, apply at <http://www.minneapolis.mn.roway.net/> .
- Hennepin County Government Center Plaza:** Contact Diana Houston at (612) 348-5130 or [Diana.houston@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:Diana.houston@co.hennepin.mn.us).
- City-owned Parking Ramps:** Contact Tim Blazina at [tim.blazina@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:tim.blazina@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or (612) 673-2242.
- Midtown Greenway:** Contact John Tripp at [john.tripp@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:john.tripp@co.hennepin.mn.us) or (612) 348-9265.
- Location Assistance:** Contact Minnesota Film and Television Board at [www.mnfilmtv.org](http://www.mnfilmtv.org) or (612) 767-0095.