

Permit Requirements
Motion Picture, Television, Commercial, Related Production Filming,
Pyrotechnic and Special Effects/Operations Permit

Kern County Fire Department



Office of the Fire Marshal ~ Fire Prevention
2820 M St. ~ Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone (661) 391-3310 ~ Fax (661) 636-0466/67
Website: kerncountyfire.org
Email: fireprevention@kerncountyfire.org



Please include completed Application for Permit (KCFD 200) with submittal

Filming Permit

Fee Amount: \$100.00

Fee Code: 2.9

Pyrotechnical and Special Effects Permit (To be submitted by licensed Pyrotechnic)

Fee Amount: \$290.00

Fee Code: 2.8

Special Permit (Stunts, Aircraft [Drones])

Fee Amount: \$290.00

Fee Code: 2.8

Mobile Fueling Permit (Diesel Refueler capacity 125 gals.)

Fee Amount: \$290.00

Fee Code: 2.10

Fire Safety Officer

Fee Amount: \$150.00 per hour/2 hour minimum

1. Permits for Motion picture, television, commercial, related production filming, pyrotechnical and special effects. Shall be applied for at 2820 M St. Bakersfield 93301 or downloaded at www.kerncountyfire.org and emailed to fireprevention@kerncountyfire.org
2. Fee shall be submitted at time of application submittal. Make checks payable to Kern County Fire Department. **Visa and MasterCard accepted.**
3. **Motion pictures and television production studio sound stages; approved production facilities and production locations SHALL follow California Fire Code Ch 48.**

Motion picture, television, commercial and related production filming--

Pyrotechnical and special effects. To use pyrotechnic special effects, open flame,

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hot-work, use of flammable or combustible liquids and gases, dust, welding, and the parking of motor vehicles in any building or location used for the purpose of motion picture, television, and commercial production. Motion picture, television, commercials, and related productions outside of an approved production facility. Applicant is required to pay the permit fee prior to permit issuance.

Fire Safety Officer (FSO) Oversight

A Fire Safety Officer(s) is required when film activities present a moderate degree of risk of fire and life-safety exposure to the public or environment, such as, during the following productions:

- Pyrotechnics
- Open-Flame Effects LPG or natural gas fueled practical stoves, fireplaces, campfires, torches, candles, etc.
- High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in proximity to flammable vegetation (brush/grass) when heat producing equipment and/or special effects are used.
- Aircraft Landings when related to filming as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- Production Tents or Canopy 400 sq feet or greater.
- Aircraft Use when it is used for the purpose of aerial shoots or aerial filming. (i.e. Helicopters, UAS)
- Stunts in public view that may cause congregation or impair fire access.
- Any Outdoor areas where fire lanes, fire access roads, public streets/roads are closed or blocked.
- Interior Locations when cast and crew are 50 or greater.

1. Pyrotechnic Special Effects Permit Requirements

- Certificate of liability insurance.
- Copy of California Pyrotechnic Operator, Special Effects license
- Storage in magazine
- Proposed activity
- Water truck if necessary

2. Electrical and lighting

- Generators grounded
- Combustible material kept clear of light fixtures

The FSO Captain will retain the prerogative to increase or decrease life safety oversight requirements based on predicted climate conditions or the extent of production activities.