

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

ORDINANCE NO. 1009

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
ADOPTING TEMPORARY REGULATIONS FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF COMMERCIAL FILMING PERMITS**

The Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The Town Council of San Anselmo hereby finds:

1. Current provisions of the Home Occupation regulations within the Zoning Ordinance of the San Anselmo Municipal Code are prohibitive with regard to commercial filming activities throughout the Town, and without these regulations, there are no other standards or conditions by which to regulate commercial filming;
2. Issuance of a business license for commercial filming would be inconsistent with the Home Occupation regulations;
3. Therefore, in order to protect the public safety, peace, health and welfare, and to allow continuation of ongoing legitimate business activities pending final determination, by ordinance, of the scope of the activity to be permitted, it is necessary regulations be adopted;
4. The regulations herein adopted shall not be subject to the Home Occupation regulations or any other zoning regulation of the Town of San Anselmo;
5. The following regulations shall be enforced on all filming permit requests made to the Film Coordinator, to be designated by the Town Administrator, of the Town of San Anselmo.
 - a. Hours of Filming Activity including setup and dismantling of equipment: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday only. No filming activity on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays shall be permitted.
 - b. Filming activity at a single residential site shall not exceed a maximum of three (3) consecutive days or a maximum of six (6) days in six (6) months.
 - c. Filming and all related activity shall not exceed noise levels permitted by Chapter 7 of Title 4 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code.

- d. Filming and all related activity within residential neighborhoods shall not generate additional vehicular traffic of more than four vehicles, only one of which may be an equipment truck/trailer.
- e. A notification letter to all occupants and business owners within 300 feet of the film location must be hand delivered at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to commencement of filming activity. The notification letter must be typed on film company letterhead with the telephone number of the company noted, as well as a contact telephone number for the Town of San Anselmo.

Section 2. EXEMPTION

The following shall require a business license but shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

1. Still photography or staging thereof, when conducted to the exclusion of any other filming activity and when the following conditions apply:
 - a. The still photography will not generate the parking of more than two vehicles/trailers within the Town.
 - b. The still photography, or staging thereof, will not be conducted on Town property.

The following shall be exempt from all Town of San Anselmo regulations:


2. Filming Activities conducted for news purposes as defined in Section 6-6.02(g) of the San Anselmo Municipal Code.
3. Filming Activities conducted for use in a criminal investigation or civil or criminal court proceeding.
4. Non-commercial Filming Activities conducted solely for private or family use.
5. Filming Activities conducted by or for the Town or for any public access or governmental programming channel.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in effect for 180 days from the date of adoption, unless prior to that date, an ordinance extending or superseding these provisions is adopted by the Town Council.


The foregoing Ordinance was read and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo, County of Marin, State of California, held on the 10th day of August, 1999 and thereafter adopted at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo, County of Marin, State of California held on the 14th day of September, 1999 by the following vote:

AYES: Breen, Chignell, Hodgens, Kroot, Overberger
NOES: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)
ABSENT: (None)



Paul Chignell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Stutsman, Town Clerk