

## **Filming Guidelines**

Ninety-five percent of filmmakers are wonderful to work with. Your relationships will be based on communication, trust and the willingness to accommodate last minute changes. The rewards are a community that feels proud and excited, free marketing of your area, possible tourism dollars, and production dollars spent in the area, some local hires, and great stories to share.

### **Guidelines should be:**

- Clear
- Predictable
- Consistent
- Fast turnaround when necessary
- FLEXIBLE
- No hidden Surprises

### **Community's Goals**

- Clear Guidelines that make efficient use of staff time.
- Allow the community to live and work with a minimum of disturbance.
- Make sure the community knows what to expect. For bigger projects, hold a community meeting with a representative from the company and from the Washington State Film Office.
- A system that can accommodate last minute requests and change.
- Expect that the company will follow the Code of Conduct.
- Advise company of and city ordinances (i.e. noise after 10pm)
- If the film company is going to block business for a day, they should pay compensation for business lost, NOT expected profit as that is not predictable. Talk to the company about assigning a Production Assistant to the town to make sure people can get in and out of stores and to help coordinate with the police.
- Require a damage deposit
- Ask to see the pages in the script where the community is involved.
- Call the Film Office anytime if there are any concerns or problems.

### **WashingtonFilmWorks Goals**

- To have community guidelines that are flexible but that a company can budget off; that protects your community; and allows both parties to work effectively together.

- Guidelines that are hassle-free but promote responsible filmmaking
- Reasonable system for approvals that can accommodate speed and change.
- Tiered fee structure based on impact that is reasonable and competitive.
- Filming should never cost a community a dime.
- City guidelines and fees are separate from location fees
- One primary contact for each party.
- Use the Code of Conduct
- Call us with any questions or concerns.