

City of Burbank Filming vs. Culver City

The City of Burbank issued almost five times as many permits as Culver City in the past two years. Burbank received 932 permit applications in 2024 and 1,066 film permit applications in 2023; Culver City received 193 permit applications in 2024 and 190 in 2023.

▪ Culver City Filming Incentive Pilot Program:

Culver City launched their Filming Incentives Pilot Program with the five key changes:

	Culver City Incentives	What would it look like in Burbank
Fee Rollback:	Film permit and staffing fees reduced to December 2024 fees as of December 1, 2025	Burbank hasn't increased film fees since 2020
Incentive Fund:	Maximum \$500,000 to subsidize film and staffing fees in one fiscal year	Burbank does not recover full costs for film-related services. EX: undercharging \$30/hour for police staffing
Free Parking:	Free production parking at two sites and downtown structures	Burbank does not charge for parking in structures; City can look at waiving \$5/4-hr/space in City-owned lots
Business Tax:	10-year extension of business tax suspension for itinerant film/TV producers (until 2036)	CDD would have to assess and address tax suspension options
New Resources:	City will create a film-related vendor directory and location familiarization tour	Burbank has been working to create a film-related vendor directory and location library

▪ Film Permit Fees:

	Burbank	Culver City* + FilmLA
1-2 day application:	\$398	\$1,591 + \$350/day
3-7 day application:	\$707	\$1,591 + \$350/day
1-2 day student app:	\$25	\$712
3-7 day student app:	\$100	\$794
Nonprofit app:	\$40	\$733
Rider/Revision:		
Business hours:	\$67/revision	\$253.72/revision
After bus. hours:	\$67/revision	\$313/revision

*Reduced Culver City fees effective December 1, 2025 have not been posted or made available to the public.

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▪ Hours of Operation:

	Burbank	Culver City
Advertised:	Monday-Friday: 0800-1730	Monday-Thursday: 0800-1800
Conditions:	Additional 24/7 support from Watch Commander and additional personnel	City is closed on Fridays. Permitted through FilmLA - can only issue permits within City's operational hours.

▪ Permit Issuance Turnaround for Private Property Film Requests:

	Burbank	Culver City
Advertised:	1-3 business days	3 business days
Conditions:	Contingent on insurance approval – can be issued on the same day	Longer process time – issuance timeline excludes Fridays and day of submission
Example:	If request has approved insurance on file, permit can be issued the same day	If request is submitted on Thursday before 10AM to FilmLA, the earliest issue date would be the following Thursday = 7 day timeframe for issuance

▪ Police Personnel Cost:

	Burbank	Culver City
Monday – Friday:		
Hourly rate:	\$150/hour	\$321.24/hour
Minimum:	\$560	\$1,284.97
Weekends, Holidays, Weekdays after 12 hours:		
Hourly Rate Beyond Minimum:	\$150/hour	\$364.80/hour
Minimum:	\$560	\$1,459.23