

**ORDINANCE NO. 2471**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CODE AMENDMENT NO. 20-01, RELATED TO FILM PERMIT STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City's provisions for film permits were last updated on March 7, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, the City Council initiated a code amendment related to film permit standards; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted a study session to discuss potential revisions to the film permit standards; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding proposed Code Amendment No. 20-01. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution No. 20-6030, recommending that the City Council approve Code Amendment No. 20-01; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2020, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding this ordinance and forwarded Code Amendment No. 20-01 back to the Planning Commission for further revisions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2020, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding proposed Code Amendment No. 20-01. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution No. 20-6037, recommending that the City Council approve Code Amendment No. 20-01; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2020, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding this ordinance approving Code Amendment No. 20-01; and

**WHEREAS**, based on review of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City Council finds and determines that the ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has duly considered all information presented to it, including written staff reports and any testimony provided at the public hearing, with all testimony received being made a part of the public record.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** Subsection (a) of Section 26-281 of Chapter 26, Article VI, Division 6 of the West Covina Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

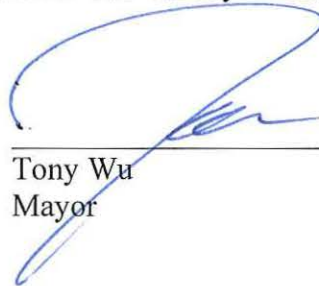
(a) *Applicability.* A film permit may be approved by the planning director ~~without notice or hearing for the following filming~~ without a hearing upon receipt of an application with proof of notification of all adjacent neighbors and all occupants of properties within the same street block as the filming location for the following filming activity:

- (1) In single- and multi-family residential zones, filming for up to ~~three (3)~~ five (5) days, not including any setup and dismantling, ~~in any three (3) months with a minimum of 60 days in between each time period,~~ on any one (1) property.
- (2) In all other zoning districts, filming of up to five (5) days, not including any setup and dismantling, ~~in any three (3) months with a minimum of 60 days in between each time period,~~ on any one (1) property or shopping center.
- (3) All filming, including any setup and dismantling, shall be done between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in residential zones, and between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in all other zoning districts. Film permit activities may extend outside these hours if the planning director finds that there will be no adverse impacts to nearby residents or business owners.
- (4) Filming which involves no exceptions to the general filming conditions in Section 26-280(e) above.

**SECTION 2:** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published as required by law.

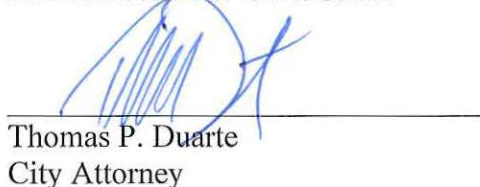
**SECTION 3:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of August, 2020.



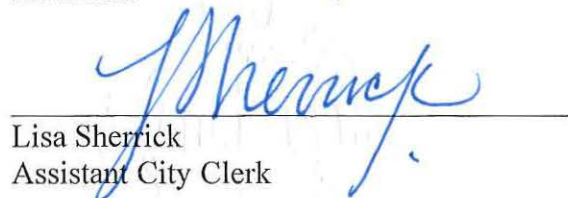
Tony Wu  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**



Thomas P. Duarte  
City Attorney

**ATTEST**



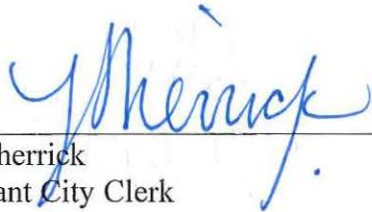
Lisa Sherrick  
Assistant City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CITY OF WEST COVINA

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I, Lisa Sherrick, Assistant City Clerk of the City of West Covina, do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2471, was introduced at the July 21, 2020 regular Council meeting and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 4, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Castellanos, Shewmaker, Lopez-Viado, Wu
NOES:	Johnson
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

  
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Lisa Sherrick  
Assistant City Clerk