

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**R E S O L U T I O N #25-385**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF HOPEWELL ESTABLISHING INTENT TO SEEK FILM READY NEW  
JERSEY CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR  
MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION COMPANIES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Legislature has found that the development of a strong motion picture and television industry would contribute substantially to the State's economy and to the social well-being of the state and its people, and that New Jersey offers outstanding and unique human and natural resources for the development of a strong motion picture and television industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has established in the New Jersey Economic Development Authority a Motion Picture and Television Development Commission ("Commission"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has developed a certification process through its "Film Ready New Jersey Program," for municipalities that would like to host motion picture and television production; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township's unique human, business, historic, scenic and geographic resources make it an ideal location for motion picture and television production; and

**WHEREAS**, local motion picture and television production would contribute materially to the health, welfare and economic advantage of the Township and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to seek certification through the Commission's Film Ready New Jersey Program, and a requirement of the certification is that the municipality has adopted a code of conduct for production companies operating within the municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that:

1. Any motion picture or television production company seeking to film on location in Hopewell Township may apply for a Temporary Activities Permit as set forth at Section 17-19 of the Township Code.
2. The Township hereby adopts the Filmmaker's Code of Professional Responsibility attached hereto as a requirement for any motion picture or television production company seeking to film on location in Hopewell Township.
3. The Township shall seek to be certified by the Motion Picture and Television Development Commission as a film ready community.

Date Adopted: October 20, 2025

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jessalyn Walters, Deputy Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.

  
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Jessalyn Walters, RMC

Deputy Municipal Clerk

## **FILMMAKER'S CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**These are the expectations of the Township of Hopewell,  
Mercer County, New Jersey, for production companies working on location in  
the municipality.**

1. Production vehicles arriving on location in or near a residential neighborhood shall not enter the area before the time stipulated in the permit, and shall park along the curb, one by one, turning off engines as soon as possible. Cast and crew shall observe designated parking areas.
2. Every member of the crew shall wear a production pass or badge when issued.
3. Moving or towing of the public's vehicles is prohibited without the express permission of the municipality.
4. Production vehicles shall not be parked in or on driveways or block same without the express permission of the municipality and driveway owner.
5. Cast and crew meals shall be confined to the area designated in the location agreement or permit. Individuals shall eat within their designated meal area, during scheduled crew meals. All trash must be disposed of properly upon completion of the meal.
6. Removing, trimming and/or cutting of vegetation or trees is prohibited unless approved by the municipality or property owner, if property is privately owned.
7. All signs erected or removed for filming purposes will be removed or replaced upon completion of the use of the location unless otherwise stipulated by the location agreement or permit. All signs posted directing the company to the location should also be removed as well as "no parking" signs.
8. In residential areas, before 7:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m., all noise levels should be kept as low as possible.
9. There shall be no trespassing onto other's property. Cast and crew shall remain within the boundaries of the property that has been permitted for filming.
10. Sidewalks should not be used for equipment storage and/or construction activities, except when permission is given on the permit. Consideration should be given to pedestrian safety and traffic cones should delineate an alternate path when sidewalks are blocked.

11. All catering, crafts service, construction, strike and personal trash must be removed from the location. Production companies may not use municipal trash cans for production trash.
12. Cast and crew shall observe designated smoking areas and extinguish cigarettes in butt cans. Cigarettes should not be put out on the streets and left there.
13. Local residents and business people must be permitted access to and from their residence or business. If filming is in process, please remind production personnel to courteously advise the person (s) affected that their progress will only be momentarily interrupted and that their cooperation would be appreciated. Whenever possible, do not stop pedestrians from moving through the location. Confrontation is your least effective means of persuasion. Keeping the promises you make to the community, and responding in a non-defensive manner when situations become difficult, will go a long way towards insuring a smooth shoot.
14. The production company agrees to familiarize themselves with all existing municipal ordinances that will relate to film production, such as nuisance, noise, parking, traffic, and other relevant ordinances.
15. The production company agrees to comply with all applicable fire safety rules and regulations.

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Producer's Signature

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Date