



**DEKALB COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
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**Production Locations Policy**

1. Use of pyrotechnic special effects (inside or outside of facility)
2. Use of open flames
3. Welding
4. Use of flammable or combustible liquids or gases
5. Use of aircraft
6. Presence of motor vehicles within a building
7. Productions with live audiences
8. Change of use or change of occupancy classification – this includes high occupant loads 250 plus persons.
9. Disabling of fire protection features (sprinkler and/or fire alarm)
10. Stunt work
11. Drone use

Any of the above-mentioned items shall be declared to the DeKalb FMO. Further approvals and/or permitting may be required. Additional safeguards may be required if opinion of the Fire Marshal or designee, it is necessary for the preservation of life or property, due to the hazardous nature of an event, production or, operation.

The details of the permit application need to be discussed directly with the FMO office.

All production locations and basecamps will be inspected for compliance with NFPA 140. See code references below. Other code references could be applicable as determined by Fire Inspector.

**Applicable Code References**

- *NFPA 140 - 1.1.1\* This standard shall address fire protection, property protection, and life safety in motion picture and television industry soundstages, approved production facilities, and production locations.*
- *2013 NFPA 140 - 1.4 Equivalency. Nothing in this standard shall be intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety as alternatives to those prescribed by this standard, provided that technical documentation is submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency, and the system, method, or device is approved for the intended purpose.*
- *2013 NFPA 140 - 3.3.4 Production Location. Any site other than a soundstage or approved production facility used for the purpose of motion picture, television, or commercial production.*

- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.7.1 Sets, scenery, and other equipment shall not impact the structural integrity of existing buildings.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.7.2 Additional loads applied onto the building shall require the approval of the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.8.2 Portable cables shall be positioned to allow for emergency egress as approved by the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.8.3\* Auxiliary power cables supplied from mobile generators or adjacent buildings shall be permitted to be routed through fire-rated windows and doors with the approval of the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.8.4 Where power from both mobile generators and site electrical services are used to energize equipment in the same proximate location at production locations, grounds for the two systems shall be bonded in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.9\* Fire Department Access. Fire department access shall be maintained as required by the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.10\* Means of Egress. The production location shall be provided with means of egress appropriate for the intended use as approved by the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.1\* Building areas used as production locations shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to protect the occupants not intimate with the initial fire development for the time needed to evacuate, relocate, or defend in place.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.2 Where an automatic sprinkler system is provided for compliance with 5.11.1, the automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, unless otherwise provided in 5.11.4 or 5.11.5.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.3 In any production location building protected by an existing automatic sprinkler system, where solid- or hard ceiling sets or platforms are introduced and create an obstruction to sprinkler discharge, the provisions of 5.11.4 or 5.11.5 shall be met.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.6 Automatic sprinkler systems, where provided, shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.7 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as required by the AHJ.
- 2013 NFPA 140 - 5.11.8 Fire Hydrants and Fire Appliances. Hydrants, standpipes, and fire department connections (FDCs) shall not be obstructed, blocked, or rendered inoperable unless approved by the AHJ.