

# Los Rios Historic District Requirements

The Historic Los Rios District is the area located north of Del Obispo Street between Los Rios Street and Paseo Adelanto. This historic area is one of the oldest residential districts in the State of California. The beautiful landscape, cozy homes, unique shops and restaurants make it a popular and sensitive filming/photography location.

The area is considered a sensitive location in that:

- Customer and merchant parking is limited
- The area is a residential community
- This area is considered a frequently filmed area

The City of San Juan Capistrano follows more stringent guidelines when permitting filming or photography in this particular area. Granting of film permits or one-time still photography permits is not automatic. All film and one-time still photography permit requests for the Los Rios District will be granted or denied according to the following factors.

1. Number of filming/photography days requested
2. Number of days needed for preparation, strike, or other film-related activities
3. Nature and impact of the proposed film activity
4. Adequacy of proposed parking plan
5. Amount of activity that has occurred recently in this area
6. Publicity and exposure for the City

The decision made by the City's Film Permit Coordinator may be appealed to the Department Director.

Annual photography permit holders may conduct still photography in this area provided all of the mandatory conditions below are followed.

The attached map of the Los Rios Historic District area identifies the areas subject to the more stringent guidelines listed below. The City encourages filming and photography in the less restrictive Los Rios Park which provides many beautiful areas for filming and photography which are also identified on the attached map.

## **Mandatory Conditions**

These conditions are in addition to those normally required for film and photography permits in the City of San Juan Capistrano and apply to the restricted areas on the attached map. The City's Film Permit Coordinator has the discretion to impose additional conditions if warranted.

## **Traffic Control and Street Closures**

- There will be no complete street closures on Los Rios Street

## **Parking**

- A parking plan must be submitted in conjunction with a filming/photography layout diagram.
- All crew, cast, catering and other non-essential vehicles must be legally parked in one of the following public parking lots: Los Rios Park, Franciscan Parking Structure or along Paseo Adelanto.
- All vehicles and equipment associated with filming/photography and photography activities must park in designated areas only.

## **Filming/Photography Hours, Notification and Signature Requirements**

### Hours:

Standard hours for filming/photography and photography activities are 8:30 a.m. to dusk. The Los Rios District is primarily a residential area. Requests for extended filming/photography/photography hours require that the applicant notify all residents and businesses within a 300-foot radius of filming/ photography activity or equipment using the City prescribed notification form.

### Notification Parameters:

When any filming/photography occurs in the Los Rios District, approval signatures are required from those residents and businesses directly impacted by the film activity. All residents and businesses in the area must be notified in writing 48 hours in advance of filming/photography activity, including prep work.

### Determining Direct Impact:

The City of San Juan Capistrano has determined that direct impact means:

- Equipment is placed, or personnel are positioned, in front of a merchant's business (with his/her approval) which would prohibit or discourage customers from entering the business
- The residence or business exterior is used (with his/her approval) as a definite background
- The interior of the residence or business is used (with his/her approval)
- Prep or strike activities cause a demonstrated hardship to the property
- The residence or business is located adjacent to the filming/photography site

## **Communication**

- The location manager or a designee must be available to resolve issues or answer questions. This person should be identified to the City's Film Permit Coordinator and appropriate telephone numbers provided.
- All signage (including directional posters, notification flyers, no parking signs, etc.) must be removed upon completion of filming/photography. If City staff is required to remove signage, the production company will be charged for clean-up costs.
- The production company is encouraged to post the City-owned "Businesses Open during Filming/Photography" signs.

# LOS RIOS DISTRICT PROPOSED PHOTOGRAPHY RESTRICTIONS

