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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director
SUBJECT: (Waive further reading/Adopt) An Ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 7 of the Nevada County Code pertaining to Film Permits.

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt the attached ordinance.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Title 6, Chapter 7 defines the types of productions subject to regulation and requiring film permits, with exemptions for news media, charitable organizations, and small non-commercial projects. The code also outlines permit procedures, applicable operational requirements, and the authority of the designated Nevada County Film Liaison, while emphasizing public safety, minimal disruption to residents and businesses, and protection of public property.

On July 3, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation expanding the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program 4.0. The expansion increases the annual tax credit allocation from \$330 million to \$750 million and introduces a refundable credit mechanism intended to strengthen California's competitiveness and retain entertainment production within the state. Following this expansion of the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program 4.0, the Nevada County Economic Development Office has experienced a significant influx of inquiries from production companies seeking to utilize the County's diverse locations and leveraging the state's enhanced financial incentives.

Film production serves as a short-term economic driver, generating direct spending on lodging, food services, equipment rentals, location fees, and local workforce support. Updating the ordinance at this time ensures the County's regulatory framework remains clear, efficient, and aligned with current industry standards, while continuing to safeguard public safety and community quality of life.

Targeted updates are needed to the code to improve administrative clarity, streamline permitting processes, and better align County requirements with industry practices, while maintaining appropriate safeguards. These updates are intended to position Nevada County to responsibly capture increased production activity and associated economic benefits.

This item was first introduced to the Board at its March 24, 2026 meeting. Staff is recommending the Board waive further reading and adopt the attached ordinance.

Item Initiated by: Kimberly Parker, Program Manager Economic Development

Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director