

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-051

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, SETTING FORTH AMENDED BY-LAWS FOR THE BROWNSVILLE BORDER FILM COMMISSION (BBFC) , AND SUPERSEDING ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS BBFC BY-LAWS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Brownsville recognizes the excellent work and dedication that the Brownsville Border Film Commission has performed; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Brownsville hereby adopts amended BBFC By-laws that increase the number of board members and alter the residency requirement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RERSOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville hereby approves and adopts the Brownsville Border Film Commission By-Laws, superseding all previous BBFC By-Laws, which will now read as follows:

BROWNSVILLE BORDER FILM COMMISSION By-Laws

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this body shall be The Brownsville Border Film Commission The principal office of this body shall be located at E Eleventh Street & Market Square – First Floor, Brownsville, Texas.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSES

The City of Brownsville is interested in deriving the economic benefits that the film industry provides and creates this body to enhance its viability. The Brownsville Border Film Commission ("Film Commission") shall promote the City of Brownsville and its adjacent regions as a primary film-making location and provide film producers with assistance from the City to facilitate film-making on location The Film Commission shall provide film makers with available City services as may be reasonably required, including location scouting, liaison services, permits, research, public safety, public works and governmental assistance in general

ARTICLE III.

COMMISSION JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Film Commission shall be the City Limits of Brownsville, Texas.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP, TERM OF OFFICE, QUORUM ABSENCES & APPOINTMENT

There shall be eleven (11) members of the Brownsville Border Film Commission ("Film Commission") of which eight (8) (including one member of the Brownsville City Commission) shall be appointed by the Brownsville City Commission and three (3) shall be appointed by the Film Commission members

Of the three appointed by the Film Commission, one shall be appointed to represent the interests of the City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico in recognition of the ongoing collaboration between Matamoros and Brownsville in matters pertaining to film making in both locations

Each member of the Film Commission shall be appointed based on that person's commitment and dedication to the promotion of the film industry in the area covered by the Film Commission. Four members of the Film Commission, present at a BBFC meeting, shall constitute a quorum

Each member of the Film Commission shall be appointed for a two year term expiring two years from the date of appointment but shall serve until a successor is chosen and qualified

Any member of the Film Commission, other than the City Commissioner, who misses three consecutive meetings of the Film Commission shall be deemed to have resigned of their own free will and shall be automatically replaced or re-appointed by the appropriate appointing authority.

No member of the Film Commission shall be employed by, or have financial holdings in, production companies, vendors or service businesses which provide commercial products or services to film, video and/or television production companies or related industries, as mandated by the By-Laws of the Association of Film Commissioners International

ARTICLE V.

ADMINISTRATION

The City Manager of the City of Brownsville shall appoint a Film Commissioner, who shall be responsible for maintaining the Film Commission in good standing with the Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI) and the Texas Film Commission. The Film Commissioner shall provide for

- the promotion of Brownsville as a location for films, documentaries, television and commercial productions,
- on-call problem solving, from initial contact through the close of production;
- full liaison and location scouting services,
- liaison services with industry facilities and services,
- augmentation research and liaison to and among the community, production companies, and government, including facilitation of permitting.

The aforementioned shall be provided by the Film Commission, on behalf of City, to qualified production companies without fee or profit. The Film Commissioner shall report to, and maintain open communication with, the City Manager

ARTICLE VI.

FUNDING

Funding for the Brownsville Border Film Commission shall be incorporated in the Budget for the Historic Downtown Heritage Department as a specific line item within said budget. Such funding shall be earmarked only for expenditures directly related to the operation of the Brownsville Border Film Commission.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS

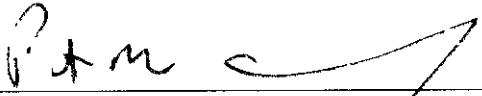
The Film Commission shall meet on an as-needed basis.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by the Film Commission, upon approval by the Brownsville City Commission at any regularly scheduled meeting of the City Commission.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted on this the 6TH day of May, 2008.



Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville

Attest:



Estela Von Hatten
City Secretary

