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## **City of Morgantown Receives First Motion Photography Production Applications for Filming**

*The City is proud to announce its first full-length movie application, as well as a courtesy application from a local production company.*

MORGANTOWN – The City Communications Office is seeing the fruits of its labor to implement the new Motion Photography Production Permits, casually known as film permits.

The Office of the City Manager received its first two applications for the new Motion Photography Production Permit, which City Council signed into ordinance this past summer.

The first is a application from local videographer Mike Ellis. Mr. Ellis can often be found videotaping parades and other events, and makes his community parade videos available to the City for reair on Channel 15. The City appreciates the courtesy as it helps our departments and public safety offices be aware of the activity surrounding big events and parades in Morgantown, and hopes that other production companies will follow suit.

That permit was issued Thursday, December 6.

The second application was received last week by Joe Seppe of Mountain Wind Productions, LLC. Mr. Seppe and his partners would like to use Morgantown as the setting of an "intense" full-length movie, set for global release. The film, "The Legion," includes mostly private, indoors shots, but MWP hopes to shoot in a few locations around Morgantown, yet to be finalized. They hope to film early spring 2013.

Mr. Seppe came to the City early in the planning process, wanting to work with the city for mutual benefit. Although Mountain Wind Productions has already secured investors for the movie, it is offering local Morgantown businesses the first chance to sponsor the film. Downtown businesses along High Street are encouraged, although any business in the city may respond. Any businesses or individual interested in sponsoring should submit an email to [mountainmorgantownsponsors@gmail.com](mailto:mountainmorgantownsponsors@gmail.com) by December 21, 2012 for local priority. Then, national sponsors will be sought.

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Mountain Wind Productions is in the process of casting nationally, but the first major casting call will be held in Morgantown. This is the chance for local actors to compete with nationally-known actors for a new movie.

- The Morgantown Casting Call, scheduled for Friday, December 14, is an invitation-only audition for principle roles. These include:
  - 21-30 years old females, any ethnicity, for lead and supporting roles
  - 40-60 years old males, any ethnicity, for principle role
  - 55-80 year old male of Irish descent
  - 24-35 year old male, any ethnicity

More information can be found on the WV Film Office site at [wvfilm.org](http://wvfilm.org). For your chance, email your resume and headshot to [mountainmorgantowncasting@gmail.com](mailto:mountainmorgantowncasting@gmail.com). Your callback notification will include a time and location for your audition.

- An Open Casting Call for background and minor roles will be scheduled for January 2013 in Morgantown.

*Mountain Wind Productions asks that you do not submit unless you qualify for a role. Do not submit if you are interested in being in the crew; a Crew Call will take place in 2013. Also, MWP does not use Craigslist to advertise its casting call. They will be working with the West Virginia Film Office and talent agencies; any information or listings found on Craigslist or similar pages are inauthentic.*

Morgantown Department heads will get the chance to meet with Mr. Seppe next week to discuss the application. The permit will be issued just before filming, after department approval, cast and location finalization, and insurance issuance.

"We look forward to continued success and productivity in assisting with film production efforts in our community," said Terrence Moore, City Manager.

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