



Student Film Permitting in the City of Savannah



When do You Need a Permit?

- If you have a large crew of 7 or more and equipment consisting of more than 2 cameras and a portable light.
- If you want to film on public Right of Ways (ROW), including public buildings, streets and sidewalks.
- If you require exclusive use of a location.
- Filming on private property does NOT require a film permit however, permission from the owner **MUST** be granted.

****You will NOT need a permit if you have a small footprint on public property such as 1 to 2 cameras and 6 or less crew and no public impacts****



When Should You Apply For a Student Filming Permit?

- Apply for your film permit at least **5 business days BEFORE** film date. Complicated scenes may require more time to process.
- Visit the Savannah Regional Film Commission Website: [Student Filming - Film Savannah](#)
- Make sure your application includes a detailed overhead map illustrating the areas for filming, crew parking, basecamp, and equipment placement.

Overhead Map Examples

Good Map

Chasing Sunshine Production – Ext. Neighborhood street
W 36th St between Barnard St and Whitaker St

SCAD Student Film

Filming Day: March 6th, 2025

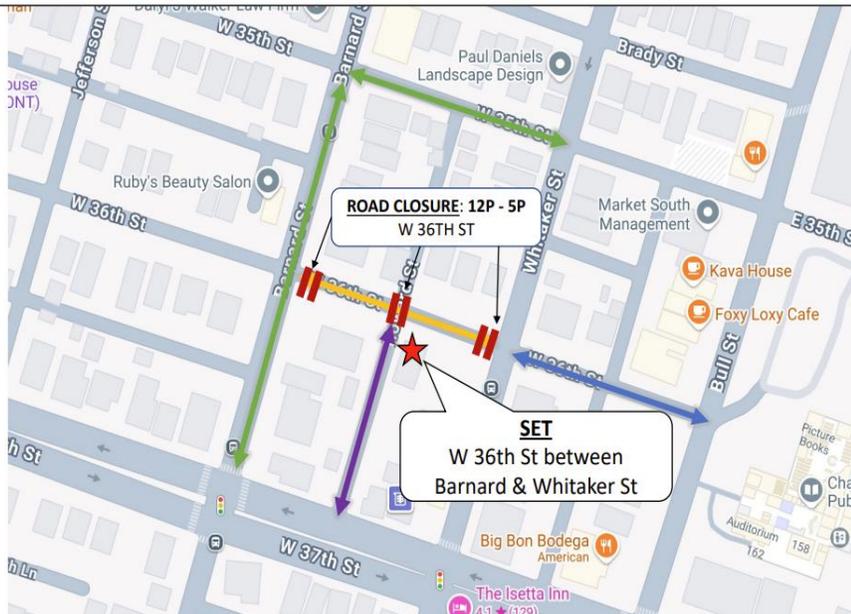
Prep: 12PM – 1 PM

Shoot: 1PM – 4PM

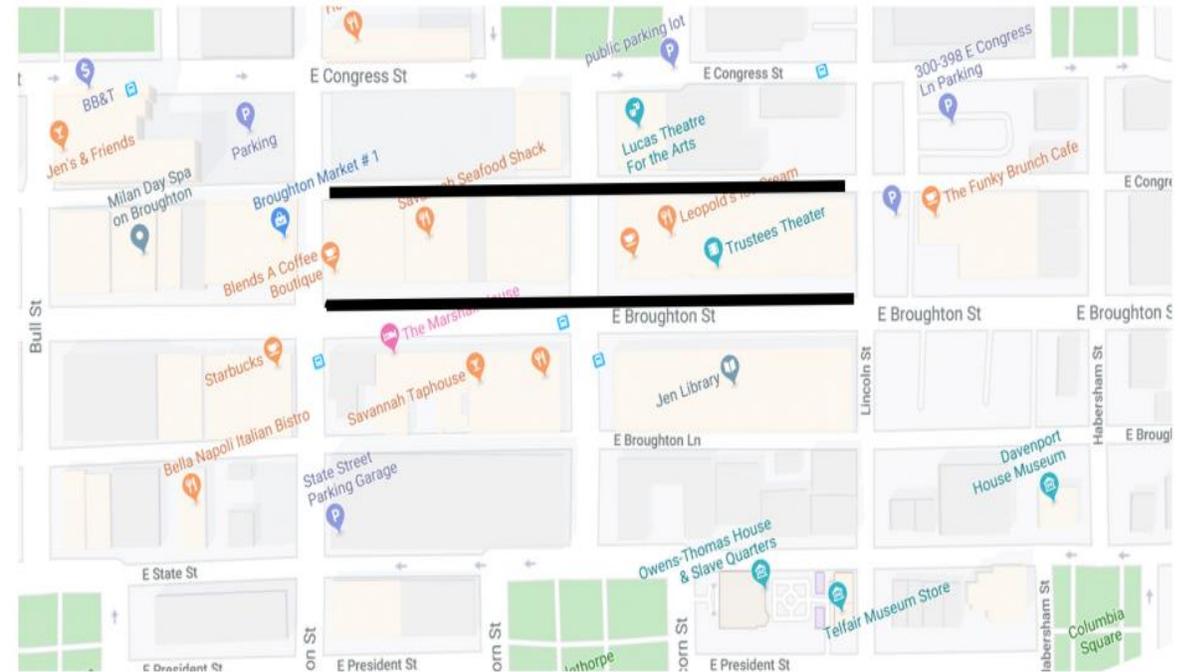
Wrap: 4-5PM

Site Map Key

- ★ = SET
- ↔ = Filming Location
- ↔ = Prep – Wrap Parking
- ↔ = Crew Parking
- ▬ = Road Closure
- ↔ = Residents Relocated parking



Bad Map



Location, Location, Location

- Do your research on the areas you are scouting for your film.
 1. How busy is the area?
 2. Is there construction?
 3. Do they allow filming here?
 4. Is it public or private property?
- Consider filming at locations you know/have access to (home of family or friend).
- Please avoid Savannah's **Historic** and **Victorian Districts** when scouting for your film.
- It is not our job to scout locations for you.

Be creative!

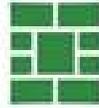


Safety



- Consider any/all safety concerns that might be associated with your scenes
- ALL driving scenes:
 1. Need approval from Professor and Head of Department – **BEFORE** applying for permit.
 2. Require a road closure and **SPD staff** (extra expense -SPD \$40 an hour/minimum of 4hrs).
- Savannah Police Department (SPD) Requirements:
 1. SPD officer is required for any filming in any park or square after 10 PM.
 2. Any filming taking place in the street or a lane for traffic control.
 3. Any filming with prop guns/simulated gunfire.





Remember Filming in Savannah is a privilege not a right!

- For any questions or concerns during the student film permitting process, please reach out to Nay Broome at (912) 351-3837 EXT. 1432 or via email at Nioni.Broome@SavannahGa.Gov

