



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a one (1) week permit for Open 4 Business Productions LLC to access the District's Stickney Water Reclamation Plant grounds for filming related to an NBC series "Chicago Fire". Consideration shall be \$15,000.00

Dear Sir:

Open 4 Business Productions LLC ("Open 4 Business") has requested a one (1) week permit to access the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant ("SWRP") grounds for filming scenes of an NBC series "Chicago Fire". Open 4 Business intends to film the scenes in one SWRP building, the Southwest Pump and Blower Building. Filming is expected to take place throughout the interior of the building, tunnels below, and adjacent parking areas. Open 4 Business expects to use a crew of approximately 200 people. Given the size of the production, additional areas inside SWRP grounds will be needed for parking, staging tents, installing portable sanitary facilities, and storing other equipment. The requested duration of the permit is one (1) week.

Because the filming relates to a television series of which the District has no control over content, the District's signs, logo, or identification of the property with the District is not permitted in the movie. However, this does not preclude acknowledgment of the District's cooperation in the film's closing credits.

The District's technical departments have reviewed Open 4 Business' request to film at SWRP and have no objections thereto, as all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that filming does not interfere with plant operations. It is recommended that the permit fee be \$15,000.00 due to the expedited nature of the request.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a one (1) week permit for Open 4 Business Productions LLC to access the District's Stickney Water Reclamation Plant grounds for filming related to an NBC series "Chicago Fire". Consideration shall be \$15,000.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute the permit agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:CMM:vp

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 16, 2017

Attachment