

Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4901-3-02 Photographing, filming, and recording.

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Persons may videotape, photograph, film, or record commission meetings and public hearings in accordance with the following procedures, which are promulgated to assure decorum and fairness to all parties, consistent with the goal that the public be fully informed.

- (A) Any person may videotape, film, record, or photograph commission meetings and public hearings.
- (B) The person in charge of a meeting or hearing may, if deemed necessary, designate an area for the location of stationary cameras, lighting, or other auxiliary equipment.
- (C) A person operating a portable or hand-held camera shall remain seated while filming or stand in the back or along the sides of the room.
- (D) Unless preauthorized approval is obtained from the person in charge of the meeting or hearing, audio equipment (e.g., microphones) shall be located at the operator's seat during the meeting or hearing. A mult box is available in the commission meeting room for use in recording events that occur in that room.
- (E) During a hearing or meeting, commentators orally describing the events shall not be located within the room where the meeting or hearing is being conducted.
- (F) A commissioner, hearing examiner, or the commission employee responsible for conducting a meeting or hearing has the authority to enforce, waive, or modify any of the above procedures when deemed necessary to preserve the decorum or fairness of a commission proceeding and to exclude from the meeting or hearing any person who violates any of the procedures set forth in this rule or fails to follow a directive.