Scene in San Francisco

Appeals Process

If an applicant’s initial application (Form A) or an approved applicant’s final application (Form C) is disapproved by the San Francisco Film Office, or if the applicant disagrees with the amount of the tax rebate granted by the San Francisco Film Office, the applicant may appeal such determination. An appeal shall be made by sending a letter to the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 316, San Francisco, CA, 94102, or via email to: film@sfgov.org, within thirty (30) days from the date of Film Office correspondence notifying applicant of the challenged decision. The applicant's letter must include a mailing address or email address for the applicant, a statement of the reasons why applicant believes that the Film Office's decision is unwarranted, and other materials that applicant alleges support applicant's position, including but not limited to receipts and other evidence of qualified production costs.

The Controller, or his/her designee, shall issue a written, final order deciding the appeal within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal. The Controller shall transmit the decision on appeal to both the applicant, at the address provided in the appeal letter, and to the Film Office. If the appeal is granted, the Controller, or his/her designee, shall specify in the written order the steps that the City must take to comport with the decision.