

VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

The purpose of this document is to outline a policy for the regulation of public meetings of the Niagara County Development Corporation (the “NCDC”) as related to the allowance of public video recording of meetings. It is the goal of this policy to balance the need for a fully informed citizenry with the need for an environment that enables the scheduled hearing to occur in a functional and productive atmosphere.

The use of any video recording at public meetings of the NCDC or a committee appointed thereby is permissible as long as the device is unobtrusive and will not distract from the deliberative process of the NCDC. The determination process of whether a video recording activity is unobtrusive and will detract from the deliberative process of the NCDC shall consider the physical reality of the area of the public meeting. The following factors shall be taken into consideration when determining whether the video recording activity has a negative effect on the proceedings:

- (1) the size of the camera;
- (2) the use of a tripod and/or other related equipment and the size of the area displaced by such usage;
- (3) the presence of absence of lights of sounds;
- (4) the location of the operator in relation to the device and NCDC or committee appointed thereby, and the general public;
- (5) the general space available in the proceedings room.

The following are actions that may be taken by the Chairperson in the event that the activity of video recording is determined to be unduly disruptive or obtrusive in the hearing:

- (1) Assignment of the recording activity to occur only within designated areas of the meeting room.
- (2) Limiting the type of equipment that is deemed acceptable for use in video recording based on the nature of the device and its related equipment.