

[RO] Bucharest Film and Photography Tax

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At the end of 2005, the *Consiliul General al Municipiului București* (Bucharest City Council) introduced a new municipal tax for professional filming and photography in public areas (*Taxa pentru utilizarea locurilor publice pentru filmare și fotografiere profesionistă*). Depending on how central the location of the filming or photography is (Bucharest is divided into four zones, A to D), film producers have to pay a daily charge of between RON 72 (central zone) and RON 32 (outer zone) per square metre of land used (EUR 1 = RON 3.6). This Decision No. 216 of 11 October 2005 entered into force on 1 January 2006. It means the capital is now the most expensive city in Romania for film producers and photographers.

