

## **AMSET Photography Policy**

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**Activities Allowed without a Permit:** Only personal photography or videography, solely for private, noncommercial use, is allowed at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas without needing a permit from the museum.

Flash photography, tripods, selfie sticks, standing lights, and other related equipment are prohibited. Accessories that are too large for one person to hold in their hands are prohibited. Resulting video images and photographs cannot be published, sold, reproduced, transferred, distributed, or otherwise commercially exploited in any manner whatsoever. Live animals are also prohibited inside the museum UNLESS the animal is a service animal for medical needs.

Personal photography or videography cannot impede the ability of other visitors to move throughout the museum or to view artwork on display. Personal photography or videography cannot impede the ability of visitors to enter and exit the museum building or enter and exit the museum's parking lot.

Visitors may not use or move museum property beyond reasonable measure to take photographs.

The Museum reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withhold and/or withdraw permission to film or photograph on its premises, or to reproduce videos or photographs of objects in its collections. Museum personnel are authorized to enforce all policies and procedures included herein. Visitors who are non-compliant may be asked to leave the premises by Museum staff.

Examples of activities not needing a permit: Any photographs taken with a smartphone, ipad or digital camera that are for personal use, such as graduation photographs taken by a parent, photographs of a child during Family Arts Day, photos of a group luncheon in the café, etc.

**Activities Allowed with a Permit:** Photography permits are available for formal photography requests. Professional photographers and videographers MUST apply for a permit that is approved by the museum's Executive Director before photographing or filming on the museum's grounds. Examples of formal photography include, but are not limited to, bridal portraits, engagement photos, senior/graduation photos, and holiday family photos. Photography or videography sessions that may impede visitors from viewing artwork or that include set-ups with props will require an event rental fee to rent the space. Event rental fees are dependent upon the day, time and availability of the space.

Interested parties may contact the Events Coordinator at 409-832-3432 or at [events@amset.org](mailto:events@amset.org) about applying for a permit. The permit must be signed by the Executive Director and presented to the Museum's visitor services representative the day of the visit. Permits are only valid for the day and time noted on the permit. Permit costs are:

\$100 per hour for non-event rental permits

\$50 per hour for event rental permits

Permits must be paid for by applicants before they will be approved.

**Under no circumstances may any professional photography or videography include images of artworks on display inside or outside of the museum.**

Professional photographers or videographers may NOT use or move property owned by the museum in photoshoots or films without written permission. This includes but is not limited to: the Lecture Hall stage, the Lecture Hall piano, chairs, gallery stools, tables, etc.

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