

Photographer and Artist Policy

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See our [Ross Mansion Grounds Visitor Policy](#) for information about use of the site.

For this policy, the term “photographer” will include videographer.

Governor Ross Mansion Grounds:

The Governor Ross Mansion and its grounds are private property. To preserve the reputation of the Seaford Historical Society, the following regulations apply for image-making activities.

Amateur Photography: Visitors may take pictures for personal use while visiting the grounds.

Group Photography: Groups of three or more unrelated individuals, including the photographers, who use the grounds for portraits (individually or in succession), must obtain an [Imaging Permit](#) at least two weeks prior to the desired date.

Professional Photography: Anyone receiving payment in cash or kind for photography on Ross Mansion grounds must obtain an [Imaging Permit](#) at least two weeks prior to the shoot.

Commercial Photography: Images produced for sale, the promotion of a business, theatrical release, or the advancement of a political or social cause must [contact](#) the Seaford Historical Society at least sixty days prior to the desired date(s) of use.

Wedding Photography: Weddings and receptions scheduled at Ross Station Event Center, the Governor Ross Mansion, or their grounds, have the imaging permit included with the fee. Photographers for weddings not scheduled at these venues must obtain an [Imaging Permit](#).

Artists: Those wishing to produce fine arts images, including paintings and sketches, on Ross Mansion grounds must [contact](#) the Seaford Historical Society at least two weeks prior to the desired date for pricing and permit.

Drones: Drone operations originating from or crossing onto Ross Mansion property require an [Imaging Permit](#). Application must be made at least one week prior to the desired date.

Indoor Photography at the Governor Ross Mansion and Seaford Museum:

Amateur photography inside Ross Mansion or the Seaford Museum is permitted during operating hours. Admission fees will apply.

Use of artificial lighting, including flash, is not permitted.

Imaging for any other purpose (as defined above) inside the Ross Mansion or Seaford Museum requires an [Imaging Permit](#).

Additional Regulations:

Seaford Historical Society staff members have sole discretion in the interpretation of this policy.

The Seaford Historical Society will set fees for image creation on Ross Mansion grounds. Fees may be reduced or waived at their discretion.

Fees are non-refundable.

The Seaford Historical Society may copy and use any images of their facilities that have been posted publically, including social media.

Images of any Seaford Historical Society building or artifact may not be used for political, social activism, or commercial purposes without written permission from the Seaford Historical Society.

Images may not be detrimental to the reputation of the Seaford Historical Society.

Images may not contain nudity or offensive language, and may not portray or promote drug use (including marijuana), illegal or inappropriate behaviors.

Photographers/Artists may not attach equipment to buildings, trees, fixtures, etc. without permission from the Seaford Historical Society. Liability for damage to the Seaford Historical Society property rests with the photographer/Artist.

Remove all trash and equipment from premises at the time of completion.

Electrical and water outlets may not be used without permission from the Seaford Historical Society.

Furniture, artifacts, or fixtures may not be moved without permission from a staff member.

Do not take pictures/video of people who are not in your party without their expressed permission.

Violators of these guidelines may be asked to leave the premises. Fees paid, if any, are non-refundable.

Imaging Permit:

The Executive Director will develop Imaging Permit application process.

The Executive Director will classify the applicant and bill the appropriate fee using the guidelines outlined in this regulation and by the appropriate oversight committee.

Appeals of classifications and fees will first go to the President of the Seaford Historical Society and then the Board of Trustees. Decisions by the Board are final.

Fees:

The Rental Committees will set fees unless otherwise assigned by the president.