

# PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

## THE MANSION AT STRATHMORE

The Mansion at Strathmore is an intimate turn-of-the-century Georgian mansion set high atop a hill with a sweeping iron-work staircase that just begs for a grand entrance, gorgeous wood-paneled Music Room, stained glass accented French doors, beautiful outdoor walking paths, and an outdoor gazebo and sculpture garden. Perfect for intimate weddings, stunning photographs, and natural backdrops.

Do I need a photo permit?

- Is the primary purpose of your visit to capture photos of your family or group?
- Are you wearing formal attire/costume/wedding attire?
- Will a photographer (professional or hobbyist) be accompanying you to take the photos?

*If you answered "YES" to any one of these questions, you must have a paid photo permit.*

What do I get for my photo permit?

Your One-Hour Photography Session permit gets you non-exclusive access to the grounds of the Mansion at Strathmore. The Music Center is not available for portrait/formal photography.

You can obtain a separate permit to photograph inside the Mansion, event schedule permitting. The corresponding rates for photography are below.

How far in advance do I need to purchase my photo permit?

We recommend at least two weeks but no more than ninety days in advance. Less than seven days in advance incurs a higher fee. See the rate chart below.

Can I just walk in and pay on the day of my photo shoot?

**Please don't!** We recommend booking your session in advance to guarantee that you get the date and time you want, and that your session does not conflict with other events. **We cannot guarantee access to the Mansion or the grounds for photo permits on a walk-in basis, due to other scheduled events.**

What if it rains, or I need to reschedule?

We understand scheduling an outdoor photo session can be tricky. If you need to reschedule a photo session for any reason, simply email [rentals@strathmore.org](mailto:rentals@strathmore.org) to help you move your session to a different date. You may email any time before your session begins, even on the day of your session. If you wish to cancel your session for any reason, we will retain a \$50 administrative fee.

Where can I park?

There is a parking lot at the Mansion, but space can be limited. Stretch limousines and buses holding over thirty-two passengers cannot maneuver in the lot; limousines and mini coach buses carrying under thirty-two passengers are permitted.

Parking is also available at the Grosvenor-Metro Station Garage, which is just a short walk from the grounds.

Can I bring props or furniture for my photo session?

You are welcome to bring as many costume pieces and hand-held props as you like for your photo shoot. Any free-standing materials, such as tables, chairs, clothing racks, or free-standing arches, are not allowed as they could block the pathways for other guests. If you are interested in a more elaborate photo shoot, please contact [rentals@strathmore.org](mailto:rentals@strathmore.org) to discuss special rates and media exchanges.

Okay, I'm ready! How do I get a photo permit?

1. Download the Photography Session Request Form.
2. Email the completed form to [awalker@strathmore.org](mailto:awalker@strathmore.org).
3. Within seven days, we'll send you a confirmation email that will include payment information.
4. Your permit ticket will be emailed to you upon completion of payment.

## It's the day of my session, what do I do?

1. You or your photographer should bring your permit ticket to the photography session.
2. Park at the Mansion or at the Grosvenor-Metro station and then go to the Mansion to meet a Strathmore Mansion Event Manager who will accompany you for the entirety of your session.
3. Do not go over your allotted time slot(s). Sessions that run more than twenty minutes over their allotted time will be charged an additional hour.
4. Make sure that you leave the Mansion grounds better than you found them. Take any trash with you when you leave.

## Group Photography and Filmography Permit Rates

A paid permit is required for all group photography at the Mansion. Payment is due in full at the issuance of Permit Contract.

### Mansion Outdoor Photography

Package	Group Size	Reserved more than 7 days in advance	Reserved less than 7 days in advance
One-Hour Photography Session	1-15 People	\$75	\$100
	16+ People	\$250	N/A

### Mansion Indoor & Outdoor Photography

Package	Group Size	Reserved more than 7 days in advance	Reserved less than 7 days in advance
One-Hour Photography Session	1-15 People	\$175	\$300
	16+ People	\$450	N/A

## Photography Terms of Use

Please read carefully, as **receipt of your payment constitutes understanding of and responsibility to comply with the Terms of Use listed below.** For questions or requests, please email [awalker@strathmore.org](mailto:awalker@strathmore.org).

- Photo Sessions are reserved for one hour only. You may book multiple One-Hour Sessions.
- The Photo Session must not interfere with others' enjoyment of the Mansion grounds.
- Do not disturb any artwork, block paths, or climb outdoor sculpture.
- For the safety of all visitors, please be mindful of cords and equipment that pose a hazard.

- Photo Sessions are reserved as available and may not be permitted during scheduled events or periods of heavy public visitation.
- Photo Sessions can be rescheduled or transferred.
- For any photos published online or in print, please include location in caption: “The Mansion at Strathmore, North Bethesda, Maryland.”

## **Styled Shoots and Videography**

The Mansion at Strathmore is a popular, private event center. We welcome styled shoots and videography for photographers, planners, and event companies of all kinds. For more information, please contact the rentals office at [rentals@strathmore.org](mailto:rentals@strathmore.org).

## **Non-commercial, Hobby Photography Guidelines**

Are you taking photos of just the Mansion grounds? Individual photographers are welcome to photograph the exterior of the Mansion and grounds. No permits are needed, though we ask that you follow the hobby photography guidelines:

- Do not disturb any artwork, stand on walls, block paths, or climb outdoor sculpture.
- The photo session must not interfere with another visitors' enjoyment of the Mansion.
- Published photographs should credit location of photograph, i.e. “The Mansion at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD”.

**User Fees are charged for Strathmore’s facilities, services, and programs which provide an individual benefit or an exclusive use.**

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