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Vince Gilligan's 'Pluribus' gears up for second season at Westside backlot



The Albuquerque set used for Carol Sturka’s neighborhood in “Pluribus” is the subject of a film production permit application filed Sept. 23.
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Story Highlights 

- Albuquerque extended Sony Pictures Television's film production permit through June 30, 2028.
- Security personnel will remain on-site while the structures stand.

- Vince Gilligan's science fiction drama employed more than 1,000 New Mexicans during its first season.

The city of Albuquerque approved an extension of the film production permit for the Westside set of the Emmy-winning series “Pluribus,” where actress [Rhea Seehorn](#)'s character, Carol Sturka, lives in a custom-built home.

Mesquite NM Inc. filed the application Sept. 23. The approval extends the temporary-use film production permit from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028, the full five years allowed under the original permit.

Apple TV+ and studio partner Sony Pictures Television renewed “[Pluribus](#)” for a second season. Writing for the new season has finished, but no official filming or premiere date has been announced, according to a September Forbes report.

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Rhea Seehorn in “Pluribus,” now streaming on Apple TV+.

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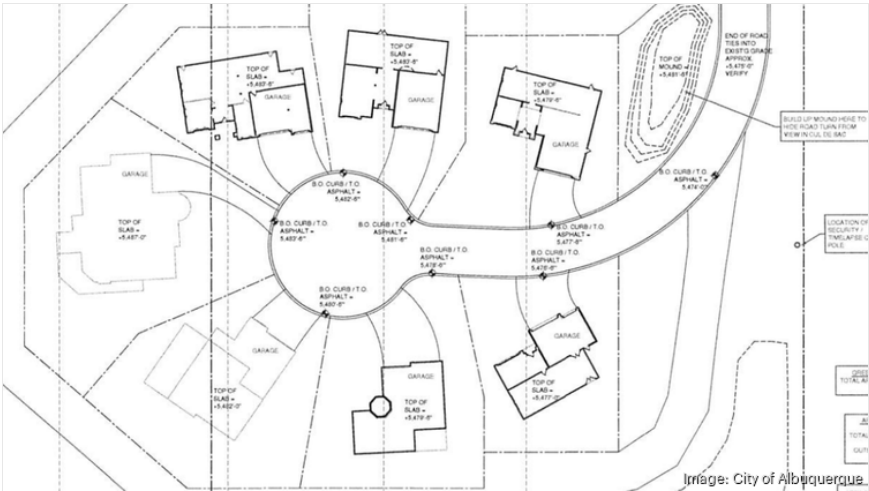
Sturka’s cul-de-sac is made up of custom-built facades near the Montecito Vistas housing development on Albuquerque’s Westside, not existing homes. The property that houses the set is closed to the public.

“Backlot build and filming for [Sony Pictures Television](#),” the permit application

backlot build and filming for [Sony Pictures Television](#), the permit application submitted to the city ahead of Season 2 states.

Mesquite NM Inc. plans to build temporary facades resembling finished single-family homes for the backlot.

The application estimates filming will take place on-site one to five days a month over the next 24 months, with hours varying by production needs.

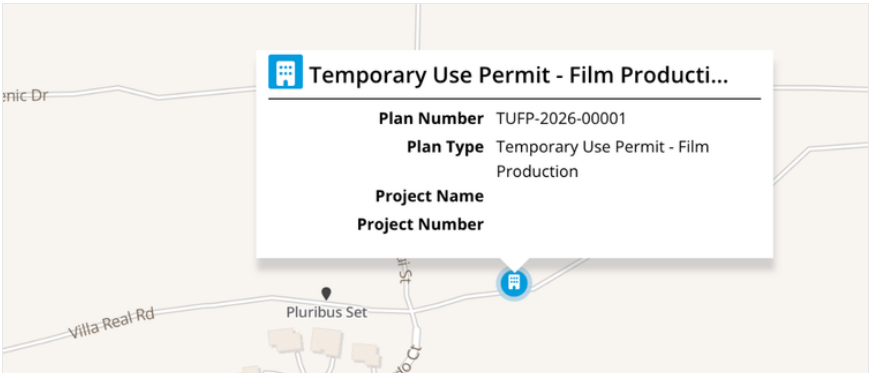


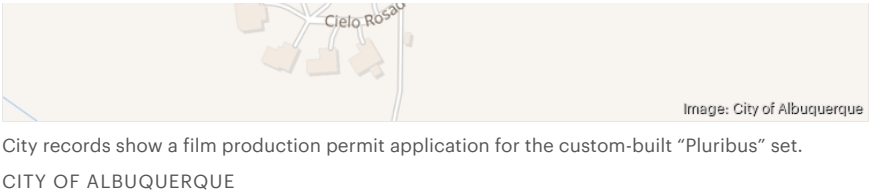
A site plan shows the Westside Albuquerque backlot.
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Security personnel will remain on-site while the structures stand. After filming ends, the company plans to remove the structures and return the properties to their previous condition.

The city approved an extension of Sony Pictures Television’s temporary-use film production permit through June 30, 2028, the full five years allowed from the original permit’s June 30, 2023, issue date.

With the approval, the permit retains the original condition requiring Mesquite NM Inc. to remove all structures and improvements after filming and return the properties to their previous condition, according to the permit document signed by Jeff Palmer, the city’s assistant code compliance manager.





Vince Gilligan created the science fiction drama, whose nine-episode first season premiered in 2025. Gilligan is also known for his work on “Breaking Bad” and “Better Call Saul.”

The production employed day players, 270 background cast members and two abo talent such as producers and directors, according to [previous reporting](#).

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Writer, director and producer Vince Gilligan speaks at the 2014 International CES at The Venetian Las Vegas on Jan. 7, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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“Pluribus” won six [Emmys](#) including awards for lead actress and writing, at the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sept. 14. The series received 18 nominations, according to previous reporting.

“Writer/Director Vince Gilligan found his creative family in New Mexico and has been making great stories set here for more than 19 years,” [New Mexico Film](#) Office director Steve Graham said at the time of the nominations.

THE LIST

Here are New Mexico's Film & TV Productions in 2025

No. Estimated local employment

Rank	Prior Rank	Project title
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1	1	The Cleaning Lady: Season 4
2	2	Protector
3	3	Young Guns 3: Dead or Alive
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