



Guidelines

A street performer or busker is defined as someone who engages in street performances for entertainment. Street performance/entertainment includes: acting, singing, playing one or more musical instruments, dancing, miming, juggling, unicycling, stilt walking, magic performances, reciting, storytelling and engaging in similar acts of entertainment on a city owned or controlled sidewalk, plaza, park or public space – NOT on vehicular streets, nor in motor vehicular parking lots.

Downtown Anderson Street Performers/ Buskers must obtain a permit. Interested individuals should present to the Business Development Office of the City of Anderson: (1) completed application, (2) \$50 application fee/\$15 student application fee, and (3) current South Carolina 10 year criminal records check.

Permits expire on January 31st.

A criminal records check may be acquired through www.sled.sc.gov or the City of Anderson Police Department. The cost for a records check is approximately \$25. The criminal records check should include a sex-offender report.

REMINDERS:

- Street performances are not permitted within 50 feet of the structure which is a school, hospital, funeral home, courthouse or cemetery.
- No performance shall occur within an encroachment area for dining on a public sidewalk.
- Performances hours are between 10 am until 10 pm, and allowable within the Central Business District only. The CBD district is a rectangle bordered on the north by Greenville Street, on the east by McDuffie Street, on the south by Reed Street and on the west by Murray Avenue.
- With current and approved permit, performer may accept gratuities. No performer may *solicit* payments before, during, or after a performance. However, performer may place a money receptacle of reasonable size at the performance site. It may remain open before, after, and during the performance. A sign no larger than 12 x18 inches may be used to invite gratuities. The receptacle for gratuities may not block pedestrian traffic.
- Permit holder may not set up signs, tents, tables, chairs, etc. that block pedestrian traffic.
- The sale of goods is prohibited. A city business license is required to sell, or offer for sale, merchandise. The City business license is in addition to the street entertainment permit, and acquired from the City Business License Department.
- Permits must be prominently displayed on their persons during the time of performance. Permits are not transferrable, and issued to individuals only. No group performances.
- Must comply with Street Performance Ordinance (section 70:171-174), Noise Ordinance (section 42:86) and Solicitation Ordinance (section 61:168).
- May not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances while performing.
- The City of Anderson Sidewalk Entertainment Permit does not include the Anderson County Courthouse Plaza or stage.
- A student permit is available for a \$15 annual fee with valid student ID. Permits for individuals under the age of 18 require parent or guardian permission. A student ID copy must accompany application, along with \$15 fee.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Performers using knives or flames must obtain written authorization from the fire marshal and/or police department setting forth conditions of authorization.
- Performers with chalk drawings on sidewalk must obtain written authorization.
- No sound amplification without written authorization. No megaphones.
- Specifically excluded are speeches, lectures, picketing, and sermons.



Application

Applicant's Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Stage Name: _____

Description of Performance:

I hereby certify that the information given herein is correct and true. I have read and understand the terms and conditions of holding this permit as set forth in Ordinances governing Sidewalk Entertainment (section 70:171-174), Noise (section 42:86) and Solicitation (section 61:168).

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
(Must be signed by legal guardian if applicant is under the age of 18)

Submit application to: Business Development Office
City of Anderson
401 S. Main Street
Anderson, SC 29624

To be completed by the City of Anderson:

Expires: January 31, 2018

Validated By: _____

Date: _____