



STREET ENTERTAINER - BUSINESS LICENCE APPLICATION

The City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
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**Application must be completed in full. Licence Fee must accompany this application.
Annual Licence Fee is \$10.00. Licence year from January 16th to January 15th, the following year.**

*Applicant must supply two (2) pieces of identification, one of these pieces being government issued picture ID.
In the case of a group the Manager or Representative's ID will be sufficient.*

PART A: BUSINESS LICENCE

Performer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Residence Phone #: _____ Cellular #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Group's Name: _____ No of performers: _____

Full name of Group manager: _____

Group manager Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Residence Phone #: _____ Cellular #: _____

Full name & addresses for members of group: _____

Type of entertainment and description of Repertoire: _____

This application must be completed in full. It will be reviewed and processed by the Bylaw Enforcement Division. If you agree to the terms presented, you will then pay your Annual Licence Fee of \$10.00 and receive your licence. Upon approval you will also receive your coloured display badge (see section 2, Street Entertainers Guidelines).

Applicants under 18 years of age, must be accompanied by parent/guardian to file this application, and will be required to provide proof of relationship. Parent/Guardian are to sign the applications, with applicant for the review process to proceed.

Street Entertainer's Code of Conduct

The City of Victoria authorizes a number of special events in the downtown area each year. Entertainers are expected to respect the space allocated to these approved special events and, when directed, move to another location, by Event or City staff.

1. Street entertainers will not locate themselves so close to another performer as to interfere with the other's performance.
2. Street entertainers must locate themselves in such a way that their audience does not obstruct pedestrian flow or business entrances.
3. Street entertainers will respect the right of businesses and residents to operate without undue disturbance by entertainment outside their premises and must leave a location if requested to do so by a business or resident.
4. Entertainers should be courteous in their behavior and tidy in their presentation.
5. *Intoxication or drug and alcohol use will not be tolerated and will result in suspension or cancellation of the street entertainers licence.*
6. *Street Entertainers should locate themselves in a way that does not disrupt vehicle traffic or displace pedestrians.*

Street Entertainer's Guidelines

- 1) All street entertainers are required to have a City of Victoria Business Licence.
- 2) The Business Licence will be accompanied by an identification badge, which must be displayed by the entertainer in a fashion, which makes the badge clearly visible. The entertainer must carry the original PAID business licence and must produce it when requested by City staff, Commissionaires or Police. Lost or stolen identification badges will not be replaced. (A new licence application will be required.)
- 3) The Business Licence application includes a Code of Conduct and Guidelines to be signed by the applicant.
- 4) Street entertainers are not permitted to sell tapes, C.D.'s or other merchandise. No provision of personal service (such as face painting or hair wrapping) qualifies as street entertainment. **No products may change hands.**
- 5) The City reserves the right to limit the maximum number of performers to be included in any one licence.
- 6) Street entertainers are not permitted to use amplification, "boom boxes", recorded or broadcast music, or other means of increasing the volume of their performances.
- 7) Street entertainers may perform only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- 8) Street entertainers are not permitted to play in City Parks. Entertainers may play at any one location for a **maximum** of 2 hours and then must move at least 2 blocks away and may not return to the previous location for at least 3 hours.
- 9) Street entertainers are not permitted to perform on the Upper Causeway except at the intersections of Wharf & Government Streets and Belleville & Government Streets.
- 10) The Corporate Administrator is authorized to suspend licences for cause. *Police, and Bylaw Officers are authorized to suspend licences for 72 hours for cause.*
- 11) *Street Entertainers are not permitted to reserve space.*
- 12) *Rules and Special Conditions may be revised at the discretion of the City. Affected street entertainers will be notified and must comply with changes.*
- 13) *Complaints regarding the behavior of the Street Entertainer, may result in the suspension or cancellation of the street entertainers licence upon review by the Bylaw Enforcement Division.*

ADDITIONAL RULES

- 14) PIPERS- because bagpipes produce a sound level which is significantly higher than other unamplified instruments, the following guidelines apply:
 - a) Playing of bagpipes is permitted only at the northwest corner of Belleville and Government on the Upper Causeway.
 - b) Only 1 (one) piper is permitted to play at any one time.
 - c) Pipers are not permitted to play at the same time as carillon concerts or special events approved by the City which include music.
 - d) Pipers are permitted to play only between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekends and statutory holidays.
 - e) Other entertainers may use the location only on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- 15) Chalk Artist
 - a) A chalk artist must not occupy more than 10 square feet of sidewalk space.
 - b) The selected space must not unreasonably interfere with pedestrian traffic or access-pedestrian thoroughfare will remain the overriding use, should conflict arise.
 - c) There will be no more than one chalk artist on any given block (both sides of street)
 - d) A chalk artist must not locate on the same block (both sides of street) for 3 consecutive days.
 - e) There will be no written solicitation for donations in chalk or otherwise within the occupied space.
 - f) No pornography, racism, or any other content offensive to the public will be included in the art.

- 16) Acoustic Band
 - a) Each group is limited to five (5) members per group.
 - b) Can perform only from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm weekdays and from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays
 - c) Must relocate if requested by merchant or property owner immediately adjacent to the location.

- 14) Balloon Artists
 - d) Must provide entertainment in the construction of their product.
 - e) Must not demand payment for products and must rely on voluntary donations.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

PART B: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: *I have read the Street Entertainer's Guidelines and Code of Conduct and will comply with them.*

Applicant's Name (*Individual completing form*): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____, 20 _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date Signed _____, 20 _____

APPROVAL by Business Licence Inspector _____

DATE APPROVED _____, 20 _____ Business Licence # : _____ BADGE # _____