

SIDEWALK ENTERTAINER REGULATIONS

Although the City of Asheville does not require a permit to perform in public spaces, sidewalk entertainers shall meet the following regulations:

- Not violate the prohibitions on disturbing, annoying & unnecessary noise as set forth in the Noise Ordinance.
- Not violate the prohibitions on solicitation as set forth in the Solicitation Ordinance.
- Not obstruct or cause to be obstructed pedestrian or vehicular traffic, sidewalks, doorways or other access areas.
- Entertainer must provide a minimum of six feet of pedestrian passageway.
- The sale of records, tapes or other products shall not be permitted.
- Perform only at times between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Not consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances while performing.
- Not perform any closer than 40 feet from another performer.
- Not perform at locations designated for a community event or festival, unless permitted to do so by the event or festival coordinator.
- Comply with all federal, state and local laws when performing within the city.



PUBLIC SOLICITATION, BEGGING & PANHANDLING REGULATIONS

Defined as: The communication, by use of gestures or spoken words, by one person or group of persons directed at another person or group of persons, of a request for the immediate contribution of money, food or goods, to the person or group making the communication or to others.

It shall be unlawful for any person to beg, solicit or panhandle:

- By spoken word or gesturing;
- By accosting or forcing oneself upon the company of another;
- Within 20 feet of the entrance to any financial institution or automatic teller machine;
- At any outdoor dining or outdoor merchandise area that is in active use at the time;
- At any transit stop, taxi stand or in a public transit vehicle;
- While the person being solicited is standing in line waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment;
- By touching the person being solicited without that person's consent;
- By blocking the path of a person being solicited;
- After dark, which shall mean one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise;



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- By using profane or abusive language during the solicitation or following an unsuccessful solicitation;
- By use of any gesture or act intended to cause a reasonable person to be fearful of imminent bodily harm upon themselves or their property from the solicitor, so that they feel compelled to accede to the solicitation;
- By continuing to solicit after the person has made a negative response, either verbally, by physical sign, by attempting to leave or by other negative indication;
- While under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance.



These ordinances shall be enforced by the Asheville Police Department and by other employees of the City as designated by the City Manager.

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NOISE ORDINANCE REGULATIONS

No person shall willfully engage in any noise-producing activities, on any premises, public area or noise-sensitive areas in the city that produce or constitute a noise disturbance.

Examples of noise-producing activities:

- Operation of radios, televisions or other personal sound reproduction devices in such a manner as to be plainly audible by persons other than those for whose use the device is being operated or which produces or constitutes a noise disturbance.
- Playing of any amplified or non-amplified musical instrument that produces or constitutes a noise disturbance.
- The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance or show that produces or constitutes a noise disturbance.

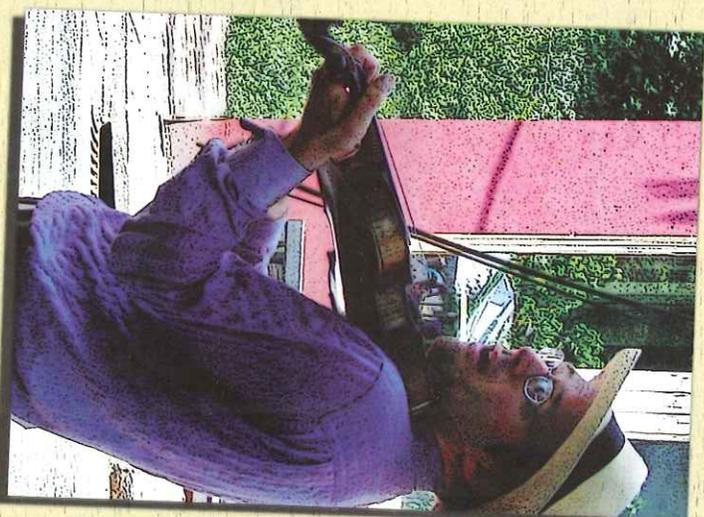
Examples of noise-sensitive areas:

- Churches, synagogues & other places of worship
- Medical & convalescent facilities
- Schools
- Courthouses

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ENTERTAINERS

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The regulations outlined in this document help maintain the vibrant atmosphere of downtown while protecting the rights of pedestrians, businesses and performers.

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