

STREET PERFORMANCE/ BUSKING INFORMATION/PROCESS

A Street Performer is an individual who performs on public property within the City of Winston-Salem. Street performers may also be referred to as a Busker.

Perform or Performance is audible or visual entertainment such as, but not limited to, reciting or singing, acting, dancing, miming, pantomiming, playing a musical instrument or performing a theatrical or literary work.

Types of street performances/ busking may include:

- Performing with an instrument or multiple instruments, conventional or self-constructed, traditional or non-traditional
- Performing a song, dance routine, mime, clowning, juggling, puppetry, comedy, magic or living statue act
- Actively working in an artistic medium such as painting, portraiture or chalk art

What is not street performance/busking?

Activities listed below are not permissible with the issuance of a Busking Permit however, may require other permits:

- artists selling pre-fabricated work – pavement artists must be actively engaged in producing their artistic medium and not simply selling displayed artworks
- political rallying
- religious preaching
- fundraising on behalf of a charity, cause or organization
- advertising events or promotions even if they involve any element of performance

Applicable City Codes

Chapter 74, Article XII, “Sec. 74-400”. Street Performance

Application Process:

Every person engaged in conducting a street performance shall first submit an application for a street performer permit in person to the Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement. The following items are required to process your Busking Permit Application.

- Complete the Busking Permit Application. Answer every question with as much detail as possible.
- Submit completed application in person to City of Winston-Salem, Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement, City Hall, Suite 232, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 along with a \$10.00 paid receipt from City of Winston-Salem Revenue.

An identifying badge will be provided upon permit approval and must be visible during performance

You may contact Vanessa Banner, 336-734-1251 or vanessab@cityofws.org for questions regarding a Busking Permit.