

STREET PERFORMER PERMIT

On October 19th, 2010 the Santa Rosa City Council approved a new ordinance permitting Street Performers in Santa Rosa. The ordinance has been in effect since November 19th, 2010. Permit applications are available online at www.srcity.org/arts and at the Finley Community Center. Permits are free, and you must apply in person with a photo ID at the Finley Community Center.

The key provisions of the ordinance are as follows:

- You must obtain a permit if you intend to receive, or actually receive any monetary contributions, donations or anything of value from the public in exchange for or as a tip for the performance, or place any structure, chair, stool, table, or other physical object in a public area.
- Permits are available at no cost through the Recreation, Parks & Community Services Department. A photo ID is required at the time of issuance. Acceptable forms of ID include: driver's license or state ID card, student ID (if a current student). A fee of \$5.00 shall be charged to cover the cost of reissuing lost permits.
- Permits shall be valid from the date issued through the end of that calendar year and are non-transferable. Each member of a group of performers who play together shall have their own, individual permits.
- Performances may take place in public areas *except*: on sidewalk areas where less than 5 feet in width remain due to the restriction of free passage through a public area; within 5 feet of any doorway to a commercial business, unless the business is closed; within 100 feet of a school or church while in session; within 100 feet of a hospital; during periods of construction, emergencies, encroachment or when a master permit is in effect.
- Performances may take place at the following times: Monday through Thursday, 9am to 10pm; Friday and Saturday, 9am to 12 midnight; Sunday, 12 noon to 10pm.
- Only non-amplified sound is permissible under this ordinance. However, powered instruments such as a keyboard are allowable given they do not need access to electricity (must be battery powered) and the volume is under the sound limit as listed below. The use of sound amplification equipment is allowed only if the performer obtains a sound permit from the Police Department.
- The sound level generated by a performer or group of performers must be inaudible at a distance of 50 feet.
- You may perform for donations; however, donations must be voluntary. Aggressive panhandling or solicitation is prohibited. Contributions may be received in any receptacle, such as an open musical instrument case, box or hat.
- Violations are as follows: 1st violation- a fine of \$25.00; 2nd violation in one year- a fine of \$50.00. Enforcement of the ordinance will be by Santa Rosa Police Officers.
- Once in effect, this ordinance may be reviewed after 6 months for possible amendments.

Visit www.srcity.org/arts for more information. Please direct all questions to (707) 543-4512, or tmatheny-schuster@srcity.org.