



CITY OF CHILLIWACK

Street Entertainer aka “Buskers” Program

Procedure:

Interested parties must submit a completed *Street Entertainer* application form, as attached to the Recreation and Culture Department at City Hall.

Applications will be awarded on a first come –first served basis.

Upon returning the completed application the applicable approval process will be as such:

Applicants will be asked to perform a short (2-5 minute) review for a *Selection Review Team*. The team will either accept the review or will offer some suggestions to ensure the performance aligns with the objective of the street entertainment program.

Once the application has been approved payment is required. **NOTE: Payment has currently been suspended for this program.**


Note: If an application is denied it can then be modified and resubmitted

General Guidelines for Street Entertainers aka “Buskers”

- Street entertainment is permitted to operate year round and will be permitted to perform 10:00am – 10:00pm daily.
- Only street entertainers with approved applications are permitted to perform within the boundary of the City of Chilliwack. Each application will allow performances of solo, duet or of a trio in nature. Any performance with four or more members will be required to fill out an additional application and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Any person performing without a valid application will be considered to be in contravention of the *City of Chilliwack’s Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 3023* and will be asked to cease their performance immediately.


Note: The City of Chilliwack reserves the right to add, delete or modify times of performances as it deems necessary.

- Buskers must have a neat and clean appearance.
- Buskers must be entertaining in their own right and include, but are not limited to musicians, dancers, jugglers, and magicians. For the purpose of these guidelines, busking does not include face painters, portrait artists, painters, crafts people, etc... or any person



or artist who provides a service or produces a product. Performances using sharp, flaming or dangerous objects will not be permitted.

- Buskers under the age of 13 years will have the application assigned to a parent or guardian.
- Buskers under the age of 16 years must have a responsible adult accompanying them at all times during their performance and must have a parent or guardian present upon applying and must have a parent or guardian co-sign the application form.
- Buskers must display their performance identification tag at all times during their performance.
- Buskers must ensure that they are legally permitted to perform in Canada and obtain all permits, clearances, licenses, and performance rights to material presented.
- Buskers must abide by the *City of Chilliwack's Noise Control By-law (Bylaw 1997 No. 2420)*. Amplified performances will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- Buskers acknowledge that they are performing for a family audience and must refrain from the use of lewd or offensive conduct or language in the course of their performances.
- Buskers must acknowledge that the safety and enjoyment of the public is of paramount concern and must always ensure their performance does not directly or indirectly compromise that safety and enjoyment.
- Buskers may receive donations for their performances, but must not charge a minimum or set fee for performances.
- **Aggressive or persistent solicitation is not permitted.**
- Permission is granted, by way of the approved application, for the sale of recordings of the busker's **own** work. These sales are only permitted during their performance.
- Buskers may not advertise, endorse, and promote products or sponsors. Signs, banners or displays that are not an integral part of the performance are not permitted. The City of Chilliwack reserves the right to remove any sign, banner or display that obstructs or interferes with pedestrian or traffic circulation, interferes with normal business activity or obstructs views or other signs.
- Buskers must not act or represent themselves as agents or employees of the City of Chilliwack.

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- The City of Chilliwack reserves the right to restrict the locations, times and duration times available at each location. The City of Chilliwack will provide as much advance notification of changes or closures whenever possible.
 - Buskers must conduct themselves in a safe, professional and cooperative manner and abide by the *Street Entertainer Guidelines* in order to receive and maintain permission to perform within the boundaries of the City of Chilliwack. Undesirable conduct or failure to uphold the *Street Entertainer Guidelines* result in temporary or permanent suspension of performing privileges. Such suspension will be determined by the City of Chilliwack.
 - The busker agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Chilliwack from all costs, loss, damages, proceedings, actions, claims, demands and expenses incurred by the busker and sustained or caused by, or arising out of the busker's performance and behavior.

Approved Locations of Performances:

- A) Salish Park – 45820 First Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C.
- B) Central Park – 45951 Young Road, Chilliwack, B.C.
- C) Clock Tower Plaza – 45972 Wellington Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C.
- D) Corner of Wellington and Mills
- E) Corner of Mills and Victoria
- F) In front of the Bookman storefront
- G) Across from the Clock Tower (in front of Bank of Montreal building)
- H) Any other outdoor Civic facility with permission of facility manager prior to performance
- F) Any private land with permission of property owner and manager prior to performance

Note: The City reserves the right to add or delete approved locations of performances as it deems necessary.

Busking will not be permitted during any Music & More or B.I.A. sponsored event unless prior arrangements have been made with the coordinating organization.



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Street Entertainer “Busking” Application

Please check the applicable box:

New Application Renewal

Name of Performer: _____ Phone # _____

(Please print)

Parent/Guardian (if performer is under 16 years of age): _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Form of Identification Observed: _____ (Staff Initial): _____

Privacy Disclaimer:

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of applicant verification. The application holder’s name will be treated as public information, but other personal information we collect will only be released in accordance with FIPPA or as required by law. Questions about how the FIPPA applies to this application can be directed to the City of Chilliwack Recreation and Culture Department at 8550 Young Street, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 8A4, and (604) 793-2904.

Description of entertainment:

Please indicate the number of performers included on

This application:

1 2 3

Are you requesting battery operated amplification?

Yes No

Are you legally entitled to work in Canada?

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes No

If a Street Entertainment application is granted the applicant agrees it will indemnify and save harmless the City of Chilliwack and its officials, officers, employees, servants, agents from all costs, losses, damages, compensation, and expenses of any nature whatsoever suffered or incurred by the City and sustained or caused by the occupation or possession of the permit location, and from all claims, demands suits and judgments against the City and its officials, officers, employees, servants, agents or any of them, on account of or in respect of the premises or of the occupation or possession or use thereof by the Licensee, its servants, agents, contractors, licensees or application holder. The applicant also understands that this permit may be suspended or cancelled without a refund at the discretion of the City of Chilliwack if in violation of the Street Entertainment Program and its supporting guidelines.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____