

BUSKER APPLICATION

NAME OF PERSON _____

NAME OF GROUP _____ **PHONE NO:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

LOCATION: _____

NO. OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

ARE CHILDREN INVOLVED? _____

TYPE OF ACTIVITY _____

	YES	NO
IF THE ACTIVITY INVOLVES STANDING AT A LOCATION, HAVE THE PROPERTY OWNERS GIVEN PERMISSION?	_____	_____

WILL YOU BE ENTERTAINING ON CITY	STREETS?	_____	_____
	SIDEWALKS?	_____	_____
	PARK LANDS?	_____	_____

HOW LONG DO YOU PROPOSE TO PERFORM WITHIN THE CITY?

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING APPLICATION

DATE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-89

Commissioner Harper moved, supported by Commissioner Rothstein, the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUSKER POLICY FOR AREAS IN THE CITY OF BIG RAPIDS

WHEREAS, during various times during the year, the City has requests from citizens who are interested in acquiring a license to Busker, and

WHEREAS, the definition of a Busker is a street performer(s) who may be (but not limited to being) actors, singers, musicians, jugglers, mimes, human statues, magicians or puppeteers, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for Buskers for the use of areas within the City of Big Rapids parks and properties, and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board has discussed these guidelines and recommends approving the attached Busker Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby adopts the attached Busker Policy for the City of Big Rapids.

Yeas: Anderson, James, Harper, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: July 18, 2011

Busking Policy

Definition of a Busker: A street performer(s) who may be (but not limited to being) actors, singers, musicians, jugglers, mimes, human statues, magicians or puppeteers.

Areas within the City of Big Rapids parks and properties where busking is allowed:

Hemlock Park (not including Bandshell)
Pocket Park (excluding Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., May - October)
North End Park
Centennial Park
Mitchell Creek Park
Other City properties such as parking lots and sidewalks if approved by City of Big Rapids and adjacent property owner

Approval

Application submitted and approved by the City of Big Rapids
Permit must be displayed at all times while performing
Only one permit holder required per group
Permit holder must be present at all performances
Individuals 16 years of age and younger must have an adult to sign the permit
Groups cannot be larger than 5 individuals without written permission from the City of Big Rapids

What is not permitted?

Causing a nuisance or obstructing pedestrian or vehicle traffic and entrances to shops or buildings
Excessively loud performances
Acts that involve animals
Selling or offering for sale any articles, commodity or services with the exception of the busker's own original CDs/DVDs
Using dangerous implements or materials as part of the performance
Vilification of any community members, including, but not limited to, racial, sexual, gender or disability discrimination
No performing at or near prescheduled events, except with the permission of the event contact.
The events are, but not limited to: Riversdays, Relay for Life, Old Timers ballgame, parades, Pocket Park on Fridays (May – October) from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Bandshell performances.

How to apply

Busker's must meet certain criteria and agree to abide by the conditions set out in the Busking Policy. This policy and busking application forms are available at City Hall Clerks Office during regular working hours. When applying for approval you will need to provide proof of identity containing a photograph. Busking permits will generally be issued over the counter within 2-3 business days.

What is the cost for a busking permit?

Annual Busking permits are available. The 12 month permit is \$5 (replacement fees are \$5). A Special Event permit is required for performing at any City approved event in a City park.

General performance times are as follows: Monday – Sunday from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., limited to 1 ½ hour performances per location, per day.