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## INTRODUCTION

Street entertainment adds to the vibrancy of the City and connects and engages the whole community by integrating arts and culture into the daily life of the City.

Street entertainment is defined as performances that include:

- Musicians
- Dancers
- Magicians
- Jugglers
- Acrobats
- Puppeteers
- Mime
- Comedians
- Poet/storyteller
- Circle Acts

Entertainment for the purpose of these guidelines do not include balloon twisters, face painters or temporary tattoo artists, tarot readers or other intuitive arts, painters, craft people or any person or artist who provides a service or produces a product.

Entertainment involving stunts, animals, pyrotechnics, fire, or any other possible hazardous activity are not permitted.

Statue Performance Artists: Due to the unique nature of statues a limited number of licenses are issued at the City's discretion.

## LOCATIONS

There are 11 locations in the City where street entertainment is permitted. See Map.

- The Whale Wall - Corner of Russell Avenue and Johnston Road
- Five Corners - Johnston Road and Pacific Avenue
- Northwest Corner of Marine Drive at the Foot of Oxford Street
- Oxford Comfort Station – Promenade and Oxford Street
- Memorial Plaza – West of the White Rock Museum Archives main entrance
- Memorial Plaza - West of the Coastal Cradle on the promenade (ONLY AMPLIFIED LOCATION)
- White Rock Pier – South End

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- Foot of Martin Street and Marine Drive
- Terry Parr Plaza - Marine Drive at Ash Street
- East Beach – By Grizlee, Marine Drive at Finlay Street
- White Rock Playhouse – East side of Johnston Road

### PERFORMANCES

Monday through Sunday  
10am to 9PM

Performance Time: 45 minutes allowing for 15 minutes to set up and pack up for a total of 1 hour.

- Entertainers are not permitted to use public seating or tables.
- All spots are first come first serve. If another busker is waiting, please limit your time to one hour.
- Entertainers will not obstruct access to spaces and walkways.
- Entertainers understand that they are performing for a family audience and must refrain from the use of lewd or offensive conduct or language.
- Entertainers who routinely play three or more days per week need to have three or more hours of repertoire performance-ready and must conscientiously vary their sets daily to avoid repetition.
- Musicians may not play the same song more than once in a half-hour or hour period.
- Entertainers must comply with all City of White Rock By-laws.

### AMPLIFICATION AND NOISE LEVELS

The **only** permitted location for amplification is at **Memorial Plaza – West of the Coastal Cradle** on the promenade near the recycling receptables. Amplification should use the range of 65-80 decibels from 10 feet as a guideline. Entertainers are not permitted to use City power outlets. Battery powered amplifiers are permitted.

Backing tracks are permitted at this location but must be original and created by the user and cannot overpower the live musician.

Performances featuring drums must also be kept at the required decibel level. Steel drums are not permitted.

If at any time a By-law Officer or member of the Recreation & Culture staff team asks that the sound be lowered the entertainer must comply.

### AGE REQUIREMENTS

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Entertainers under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian co-sign the application form.

Entertainers under the age of 16 must have a responsible adult always accompany them while performing.

### DONATIONS

Entertainers may receive donations for their performances but must not charge a minimum or set fee. Aggressive or persistent solicitation of donations is not permitted.

### SPONSORS AND SIGNAGE

Entertainers may not advertise, endorse, or promote products or sponsors. Signs, banners, or displays that are not integral to the performance are not permitted. The City 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.

### SALES

Entertainers are permitted to sell recordings of their own work. All other sales or merchandise are not permitted. Entertainers must offer customers a complete refund or replacement of defective recordings.

### CITY EVENTS

There will be times when street entertainment is restricted due to City Events, these include but are not limited to Canada Day and the August long weekend (Sea Festival & Semiahmoo Days). Entertainers will receive notifications by email.

### LICENSE

Entertainers must have the City of White Rock license clearly displayed during their performance. If you lose your license there is a fee of \$10 for replacement. Parking fees are not included in the price of the license and pay parking rules are enforced

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Entertainers must conduct themselves in a safe, professional, and cooperative manner and abide by the Guidelines to receive and maintain permission to perform in the City. Undesirable conduct or failure to uphold the Guidelines will lead to temporary or permanent suspension of performing privileges.

We understand the adrenaline generated when performing to an immediate audience. However, be aware of your captive audience and ensure that they are not aggravated.

## CITY OF WHITE ROCK STREET ENTERTAINMENT GUIDELINES

If the entertainer breaks the guidelines or an excessively loud performance generates a complaint, City Staff will give you a warning. If you receive a second warning, your license may be suspended or revoked. On a third complaint, you will lose the privilege to perform on City streets for 6 months. Suspended or revoked Street Entertainment licenses are not refunded.

### COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of the license holder to provide the City with up-to-date contact information and check their email regularly to receive updates about the by-laws, guidelines, and restricted entertainment days.

### PROMOTION

We appreciate your support promoting the Art Walk. Please tag the City of White Rock social accounts – Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Here are some fun # tags you can also include.

#WhiteRockBC  
#CultureLivesHere  
#CityBytheSea

STREET ENTERTAINMENT MAP

