

# Downtown Holland Street Performer Permit Rules & Regulations

- Performers are required to have a valid permit in order to busk for tips.
- Permits are valid from the date of issuance through December 31 of the same calendar year.
- Permits are \$15 per individual performer and \$25 per performance group. Group size is limited to no more than six (6) performers. Groups of 6 may only apply in specified locations.
- Permits must be displayed while performing. Groups cannot perform under an individual permit.
- Performers younger than 18 years old require special permitting. See application form.
- Performances are allowed from 10am - 8pm, seven days a week, all year long. The exception to this is during the Street Performer Series on Thursdays from June - August. You must apply separately in the spring and be accepted into the Series to perform on Thursdays evenings in the summer.
- During special events, including, but not limited to, Fall Fest, Tulip Time, and Sidewalk Sales, certain performance restrictions may apply.
- Performers are allowed to stay in one performance location in Downtown Holland no longer than two hours. Breaks should not be more than fifteen minutes. Once a performance has ended, performers are expected to leave the performance location. Performers are allowed back to a previous performance location after other performers in the queue have performed.
- Performing locations in the DDA district are designated by the DDA Board. See map for approved performance locations. These are the only areas where performances are allowed. Locations are subject to change.
- Performances cannot disrupt normal business operations.
- Performers are not allowed to sell items of any kind.
- Performers may receive contributions (tips) in a receptacle such as an open instrument case, box or hat.
- Performers are responsible for cleaning up trash at performance sites.
- Performers are required to be located at least 10 feet away from business entrances and sidewalk cafes.
- Amplification and extraordinary activities performances are only allowed with proper approvals.
- Performers must keep a six-foot sidewalk width to allow for adequate space for pedestrians and not block public amenities or curb cuts.
- No signage can be used at performance site (permits will serve as your identification).
- No loitering in performance locations.
- No smoking of any kind (including e-cigarettes) is allowed in performance locations. In addition, Ottawa County's "No Smoking Act" prohibits smoking within 25 feet of any non-food public or private establishment entrances, any operable window or ventilation system intake.
- No use of public amenities in performance locations (benches, trash cans etc.) is allowed.
- Bicycles must be locked on bike racks and are not permitted in performance locations.
- Permits are subject to revocation if regulations are being violated; in addition, performers are subject to ticketing (civil infraction) if ordinance articles are violated.
- Performers may appeal permit denials and/or revocations.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen permits are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for groups.

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