



Business Registry
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Busking Conditions

The permit holder agrees to comply with the following conditions:

1. Busking is permitted from May 12 to Oct. 17, 2025, unless otherwise indicated and only in the following Town-approved locations from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., except for Riverside Park where performances are permitted from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.:
 - a. Elevation Place Plaza
 - b. Friendship Park
 - c. Civic Centre Plaza
 - d. Riverside Park
 - e. On the street outside of 820 Main Street (i.e. Rocky Mountain Soap Company) from May 14 until noon on Oct.14, 2025.
2. Buskers must be over the age of 12. Any buskers under the age of 16 must have an adult accompany them while performing.
3. Buskers must always carry their permit on their person during a performance. Failure to do so could result in a fine subject to the Business Registry Bylaw.
4. Busking is not permitted
 - a. In locations where other paid performers are working;
 - b. So close to another performer as to interfere with their performance;
 - c. At sites that have already been booked for events or festivals;
 - d. At transit stops or in transit vehicles unless hired to do so
 - e. On private property without written permission of the landowner;
 - f. Where the performer and/or the audience gathered to view the performer blocks pedestrian flow or business entrances
 - g. In tree beds
5. Busking operates on a first come, first-served basis, and maximum performance duration of two hours per location. After performing for a maximum of two hours, the busker must move to a different location and may not return to that location for the remainder of the day.
6. Bagpipes, horns, and drums are only permitted in the Elevation Place Plaza.
7. No amplification may be used. Only acoustic performances permitted.
8. Buskers must demonstrate a reasonable degree of proficiency in their performances.
9. Buskers must ensure that they have obtained all clearances, licences, and performances rights to material presented, and are legally entitled to perform in Canada.
10. Buskers may receive donations for their performances but must not charge a minimum or set fee for performances. Aggressive or persistent solicitation of donations is not permitted.

11. Buskers are permitted to sell recordings of their own performance and can display them in their instrument case. Sale of other forms of merchandise is not permitted.
12. Buskers do not include face painters, portrait artists, painters, crafts people, psychics, or any person or artist who provides a service or produces a product.
13. Signs, banners, or displays are not permitted.
14. Buskers must keep the site in use clean while they are working, ensure that their use of the site does not pose a threat to public safety and that the busking site is left in the condition in which it was found.
15. High risk or unsafe performances which may put the public and/or the performer at risk are not permitted.
16. All performances must be suitable for a general family audience.
17. Buskers must have a neat and clean appearance.
18. Buskers may not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or appear intoxicated.
19. Dangerous goods, including but not limited to use of substances that are flammable, toxic, or hazardous, and implements including but not limited to swords and knives are not permitted. These include substances and implements that present immediate danger to people, property, or the environment, and extends to instruments that may have been modified for safety but can be perceived as dangerous.
20. The busker agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Town of Canmore 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 in the Town of Canmore.
21. Busking licence fees are non-refundable.

The Town of Canmore reserves the right to:

1. Determine the standard of proficiency and suspend a busking permit if a busker is receiving complaints and/or is unable to consistently maintain a satisfactory standard.
2. Restrict the locations and times available for busking. The Town of Canmore will provide reasonable notice of restrictions when possible.
3. Halt performances that restrict or disrupt the safety or enjoyment of residents and visitors.
4. Remove any sign, banner, or display that obstructs or interferes with pedestrian or traffic circulation, interferes with normal business activities, or obstructs view of other signs.
5. Suspend or revoke a busking permit if a busker contravenes any of the busking permit conditions or any Town of Canmore bylaw.
6. Some types of instruments create a greater volume and, in some cases, may result in complaints. In these cases, the Town of Canmore reserves the right to restrict times and areas where the busking may occur as well as the right to revoke or place additional conditions on a permit if an issue cannot be resolved.