

## **FINE ARTS SIDEWALK OCCUPANCY PERMIT REGULATIONS**

(These regulations are issued pursuant to the City of Northampton Ordinance Section 285-9.)  
Fine Art for the purpose of this policy includes only painting, sculpture, collage, prints, original photography, video art, books sold by the author with no ISBN number, and documentary films. Crafts or decorative arts of any kind will not be considered for a Fine Arts Sidewalk Occupancy Permit.

**FEE:** Each application for a Fine Arts Sidewalk Permit must be accompanied by a \$25 application fee, payable to the City of Northampton. A permit may be issued to a single person or a group. An artist may only be included on one permit. If they choose to be part of a group, they will not have the right to an individual permit.

These permits are granted for a fixed period up to one calendar year with the expiration at the end of each calendar year. Permits may be renewed one week before they expire for a \$25 application fee, payable to the City of Northampton.

**LOCATIONS:** Any permit holder shall have the right to set up a temporary table and/or display rack for fine art work at the locations listed below. The designated spaces are available on a first come, first served basis to permit holders.

- A. Within the semi-circular boundaries of the benches and pavers by the Arts Kiosk on the north side of Main Street.
- B. On the East side of the City Hall front stairs before Crafts Avenue. The sidewalk area farthest from the street must be used. The sidewalk that leads to the parking lot behind City hall must not be obstructed.
- C. The East side of the front stairs at City Hall ONLY WHEN CITY HALL IS CLOSED.
- D. The brick area of the north sidewalk from the corner of King and Main Street up to 175 Main Street.

**These areas are restricted as follows:**

- Not within 10' of an intersection.
- Not within 10' of a crosswalk or handicapped ramp.
- Not within 10' of a bus stop.
- Not within 50' of an existing arts or crafts gallery
- Not in a location that could obscure or obstruct parking meters, trash receptacles or other street appurtenances as described in the sidewalk occupancy permit of the DPW unless otherwise described in this policy.

**HOURS:**

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 noon – 9:00 p.m.

**RULES AND RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Any tables and displays must be removed when sales activity is complete at the end of each day.
2. No use of electrical devices for amplification of sound (laptop speakers may be used).
3. Permit holders shall comply with all relevant ordinances of the City of Northampton and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any violation of this policy will be enforced as a violation of section 285-9 of the City's ordinances and will be subject to a \$50 fine and loss of their right to have a permit for 6 months.

*Special events permits are granted from time to time by the Department of Public Works. These permits take precedence over the Fine Arts permit granted under these guidelines and such permits are temporarily suspended. Fine Arts permit holders require special written permission from the coordinator of the special events permit holder to perform in the special event permit area.*