

## STREET MUSICIAN'S PERMIT REGULATIONS

(FOR 3 OR FEWER MUSICIANS- permits may not be combined to allow more than three (3) musicians to perform together.)

**FEE:** Each application for a Street Musician's Permit shall be accompanied by a **\$25 application fee**, payable to the City of Northampton.

These permits are granted for affixed 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 fee of \$25, payable to the City of Northampton.

### **HOURS:**

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.

### **RULES:**

1. The permittee will not play musical instruments on any public sidewalk that is less than six (6) feet in width including pavers. The permittee shall locate at the edge of the sidewalk, opposite the building, on the brick pavers. No chairs or city benches will be utilized. Sitting on the brick pavers will not be allowed. Parking meters shall be unobstructed at all times.
2. The permittee shall place any instrument, stand, container, or other paraphernalia so that it does not present a hazard to pedestrian traffic.
3. The permittee shall not locate in front of any doorway or in any place that will impede free flow of pedestrian traffic through any building entrance.
4. The permittee shall not locate within fifty (50) feet of any other street musician who holds a valid Street Musician's Permit from the Department of Public Works (DPW). There is a two hour limit on any one location *per day*. After two hours, the permittee must move at least 100 feet from *any* previous location *occupied during the same day*.
5. The permittee shall not generate excessive or offensive noise at any time. Use of any amplifying equipment, including, but not limited to, mechanical, electrical, or battery powered systems, is prohibited. The only percussion instruments allowed are steel drums, hammered dulcimers, Himalayan Singing Bowls or marimbas. These instruments shall not be audible at a distance of 100' from the performer. A plastic bucket will be allowed using only your hands to drum.
6. The permittee shall comply with the orders of the Northampton Police Department and the DPW.
7. The permittee shall keep this permit available while performing and shall display it on request to any Northampton Police Officer.
8. Performers are prohibited from performing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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