

STREET PERFORMANCE PERMIT REGULATIONS

--The following activities are eligible for a street performance permit:

Musicians (MORE THAN THREE)

Mimes

Individual jugglers (no flames or sharp objects)

Puppeteers or marionette masters

Comedians

Magicians

Singers

Dancers

Spoken Word

FEE: Each application for a performance permit shall be accompanied by a \$25 application fee, independent of the number of performers in the group.

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.

LOCATIONS: Performers shall not block doorways and must not obstruct the concrete sidewalk in any location or create undue interference with passage of public through any public area. Police officers may disperse any crowd that obstruct the public way.

A) The space in front of the First Churches on the sidewalk level, between the concrete sidewalk and the retaining wall for the raised front yard of the church. (up to 10 performers)

- The grass area around the trees may not be used, however, the 6' concrete sidewalk on the north side of this area between tree wells may be used
- Any group authorized by First Churches to use this space shall have priority over permitted performers. Please call First Church Administrative Assistant for scheduling information at 413-584-9392.

B) The southwest corner of the intersection between Old South Street and Main Street just above the small lower courtyard on the Old South Street side of 180 Main Street. (up to 5 performers)

C) The corner of Strong Avenue and Main Street, between 4 Main Street and 12 Main Street. (up to 5 performer)

D) Two areas between the Parking Garage and the rear of Thorne's Market.

- Pleasant Street Side of red brick semi-circle with flagpole
- Area of concrete walkway between the sidewalk on Old South Street and supports for the pedestrian bridge to Thorne's Market. (no performer limit)

HOURS:

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

Sunday: 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.

The permit must include:

- Signature of organizer of the performing group
- Phone number of applicant
- Mail address of applicant
- Email address of applicant if available.
- Signature from Director of Dept. of Public Works
- Signature of Police Department Official

RULES:

The following guidelines are to be followed per the Director of Public Works. A violation of any of these rules and regulations may result in revocation of the permit by the Police or the DPW. Renewal of the permit after its revocation shall be at the discretion of the Director of the DPW. If such a renewal is granted, the fee for the renewed permit shall be \$100.

1. Receipt of this permit shall mean that the permit holder and any other people performing with the permit holder agree that the City of Northampton shall not be liable for any damages caused by the performance.
2. Performers are prohibited from performing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
3. The permittee shall place any instrument, music stand, container or other paraphernalia so that it does not present a hazard to pedestrian traffic.
4. The DPW understands that many performers rely on contributions from people who enjoy their performances. Performers may put out a container with a note asking for contributions and may make verbal requests for such contributions. Performers shall not solicit contributions in any way that is disruptive, disorderly or assaultive.
5. No performer shall remain in a single location for more than two hours. Performers shall move to another approved location after that time.
6. 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. Any percussion instruments shall not be audible at a distance of 100' from the performer.
6. Permit holders must have their permit on them and shall obey all instructions from any Northampton Police or other relevant City official who identifies him/herself as such.
7. All performers must submit signatures to the DPW prior to issuance of permit. If all performers are not applying together in person, a printable form for information and signatures is available at [the following link](#).

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