



**Town of Goderich  
Guidelines for Busker Permit**

1. Licenced buskers may entertain year-round, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town of Goderich downtown core. Busking in other areas of Town including the waterfront, is not permitted.
2. Busking Permits are required annually.
3. Failure to display a Busking Permit or follow these guidelines may result in the Busking Permit being removed.
4. Maximum number of performers in a single group will not exceed five (5) people.
5. Busking is permitted for one hour per location within a four hour time frame. Performances begin at the top of the hour.
6. No person shall perform, demonstrate or participate in busking activity while under the influence of any drug or alcohol.
7. No group, individual member of thereof, or individual shall perform or demonstrate or be allowed to perform or demonstrate any activity which is, or has the potential to be, offensive, hazardous, or otherwise dangerous to the welfare of the community, to the Town of Goderich staff, or individual members thereof. The comfort or safety of others must not be jeopardized. No high risk or unsafe performances are permitted.
8. All performances must be suitable for a general family audience rating. Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times.
9. Buskers are not permitted where areas or events have “special event permits” as approved through the Town unless authorized by the designated event organizer. During events and festivals or while paid performers are working, busking is not permitted in the Goderich downtown core.
10. Personal equipment or supplies shall be removed by the busker immediately after the closing of the performance in order to avoid loss or damage. The Municipality shall assume no liability for equipment or supplies damaged or otherwise lost or stolen as a result of the performance.
11. The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Goderich, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers against any and all actions, causes of action, claims and expenses whatsoever presented by any group, person, or people participating in or attending at the program in question.
12. The Town of Goderich reserves the right to immediately terminate busking activity should an individual or group participating in the activity violate the conditions stated herein.

13. Amplification is not permitted. Acoustic sound only.
  - a) The sound level must be reasonable, within limits as determined by the Town of Goderich and Municipal Law Enforcement and be intended for an audience within 25 feet.
  - b) If neighbouring businesses or residents complain about the sound level, it must be lowered.
  - c) Equipment, cables and cords must meet current safety standards. Cords or other equipment must not cross a roadway or pedestrian pathways or in any way interfere
14. Solicited donations are not permitted, however unsolicited donations are permitted in a receptacle such as a musical instrument case, box or hat.
15. The applicant agrees to comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal laws, including but not limited to any laws relating to COVID-19, and will take any action or steps to comply with such laws as may be further directed by the Town of Goderich.
16. All personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 1989, as amended.
17. The Town of Goderich reserves the right to immediately terminate activity should an individual or group participating in the activity violate the conditions stated in these guidelines.

I have read, understand and am in agreement with the Busking Permit Guidelines contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Busker

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Licence No. \_\_\_\_\_

Busking Permit/Agreement Application

All busking must take place in the Town of Goderich downtown core area only. Busking is not permitted in the waterfront area. Busking is not permitted during scheduled Town events.

Date:

Busker Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Busking Activity:

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**Noise: Non-compliance of Municipal By-Laws can result in closure of the event.  
Noise exemption questions and requests should be direct to the Clerks Office.**

I have read, understand and am in agreement with the information contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Busker

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of Goderich Staff

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Date