



Community Development Department  
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## Street Performers Guidelines

No person shall perform in a public area without a permit from the City of Rochelle. The permit must include the name and address of the performer, term of the permit, and the type and location(s) of the performance.

A performer shall clearly display his or her permit while performing and allow inspection of the permit by any city official or police officer. All performances must comply with this document, state and local laws and conditions of the permit.

Permits are not transferable and each member of a group who performs together is required to obtain an individual permit.

Every person wanting to engage in street performance is required to make a written application for a Street Performer Permit from the Community Development Department accompanied by a \$10 fee established by the City. The application form requires the following information:

- Applicant's name, address, and phone number.
- Birth date of applicant.
- Applicant's driver's license or personal identification number.
- A description of the subject matter and method of performance.
- The period for which the permit applies.
- The location or areas in which the performance will be conducted.
- A statement as to whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony.
- A 2x2 inch color photo of the applicant's head and shoulders.
- A signed permission slip from the property owner, if performance is to occur on private property.

### Rules & Regulations

**Location:** Performances may take place in the following locations:

1. Downtown Community Gazebo on Main Street (south of Fire Station)
2. Rochelle Municipal Utilities Office front lawn
3. Corners of 4th and 5th Avenues in Downtown Rochelle on Lincoln Highway
4. Page Park located in Downtown Rochelle off of Lincoln Highway

**Time:** 10:00 am to 10:00 pm only

**Contributions:** Performers may accept, but not verbally solicit, contributions from audience members.

**Prohibitions:** No performer shall:

1. Perform without first obtaining a permit.
2. Perform outside areas indicated on the map that accompanies this document or off the private property for which the performer has obtained written permission.
3. Perform within 10 feet of any bus stop, street corner, pedestrian crosswalk, or the entrance to any business (during hours the business is open to the public).
4. Block or obstruct the free and safe movement of pedestrians. If a sufficient crowd gathers to observe a performer and interferes with public passage, a city police officer may disperse that portion of the crowd that is blocking passage.
5. Use any knife, sword, axe, saw, torch, flame, or other object that can cause serious bodily injury; any amplification device; any generator, battery, or power source that poses a fire or public safety hazard; any electrical connection to an adjacent building or city power source.
6. Leave litter at his or her performance site.
7. Utilize or prevent the public from using any public benches, waste receptacles, or other street furnishings during his or her performance.
8. Place any object on a public sidewalk that leaves less than a five-foot passage for pedestrian traffic.
9. Place his or her instruments, props, equipment, or other items unattended on a public sidewalk or right-of-way.
10. Offer any items for sale. Performers who wish to sell items must first obtain a city peddler's license.
11. Display any sign other than the name of the performer(s) and the Street Performer Permit.
12. Include a minor under the age of 16 in the performance unless accompanied at all times by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

**Revocation of Permit:** A Street Performer Permit may be revoked by the City if there is reason to believe that a performer has:

1. Violated any provisions of this document or any city or state laws.
2. Made a false statement in the application.
3. Conducted a performance adverse to public safety or prevailing community standards of public decency.

**Complaints and Appeals:**

If a written complaint is filed with the City, the performer will be notified by the Community Development Director and sent a copy of the written complaint to the performer, together with a notice that an investigation will be made regarding the complaint. The performer will be invited to respond to the complaint, present evidence in his or her behalf.

If, after reviewing all relevant material, the Community Development Director finds the complaint to be valid, the complaint shall be certified. If a permit is denied or revoked by the City, or if a written complaint is certified, the permit holder may appeal to a hearing before the City Manager.

After presentation by the permit holder and investigation by the Community Development Director, the City Manager shall make a final written determination. If the City Manager confirms the complaint to be justified, the applicant may appeal the decision to a court of jurisdiction.

