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Applications for busking in the Royal Naval Dockyard are welcomed.

PROCESS AND CRITERIA



West End Development Corporation

WEDCO, a body incorporated under the provisions of the West End Development Corporation Act 1982, was established to assist in the commercial and residential development of the West End. With over 220 acres of land spanning across five islands; in addition to, Bermuda's premier Cruise Ship Port and a heavy line up of well-established commercial businesses across a range of industries, inclusive of retail, semi-industrial, hospitality and service, WEDCO continues to develop the land it has been entrusted with, keeping sustainability and future growth in mind, while creating a plethora of investment opportunities for local and overseas developers, entrepreneurs and/or venture capitalists. As the Royal Naval Dockyard continues its transformation into Bermuda's new commercial hub, WEDCO continues to reshape the entire West End, creating a vibrant "live, work, play" community.

Royal Naval Dockyard

Built by Royal decree to defend British superiority on the seas, the Royal Naval Dockyard is today a resplendent place of discovery. Within the walls of this nineteenth century fortress, now exists an invitation for adventure: attractions, water sports, dining, shopping, events and more. By daylight or moonlight, there is so much to discover.

As Bermuda's commercial cruise ship hub and largest, most visited on-island attraction, the Royal Naval Dockyard provides critical mass in excess of 10,000 people per day in the summer season; in addition to, panoramic views of the ocean, fast ferry links to Bermuda's capital city of Hamilton, with its eclectic mix of retail and international business, and the old town of St. George, Bermuda's former capital and UNESCO World Heritage site.

Overview

Street entertainment is commonly known as busking; while the performers are referred to as buskers. Buskers or street performers can be individuals or groups that play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, mime, do magic or some other form of entertainment. Buskers are not paid a fee for their performances and will not receive a pay cheque. Buskers receive their payment in the form of donations or tips from the crowds they entertain.

Identified Busking Locations

Buskers may apply for the following locations:

- At the ferry stop and throughout the vendor area
 - Access to electricity unavailable
- In front of the Clocktower Mall near the Anchor Fountain
 - Access to electricity available
- Any location desired as WEDCO will consider all requests

Busking Permit Requirements

A Busking Permit is required for anyone performing in the Royal Naval Dockyard. Groups are limited to three persons, and each individual member of the group must have a valid permit while performing.

Busking Terms & Conditions

Buskers must comply with the following terms when busking in the Royal Naval Dockyard. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in fines, confiscation, suspension or cancellation of permit. If a permit is awarded, Terms of Busker Permit are, but are not limited to:

- Busker performances, within the Royal Naval Dockyard, may take place between 9:00am and 9:00pm, 7 days a week in the pre-specified areas with any conditions particular to the location
- Performers/Buskers and their audience must not block doorways, display windows, sidewalks, paths or roads.
- Performances must not jeopardize the comfort and safety of others. Performers/Buskers must respect the wishes of nearby residents and visitors, particularly regarding the performance volume.
- The use of sharp or dangerous objects is prohibited, including juggling knives, hatchets, chainsaws or flaming objects.

- Permitted Buskers must agree to make every performance appropriate for any and all demographics. Inappropriate content would include, but is not limited to, foul language, sexually explicit content, derogatory jokes/commentary, etc.
- Permitted Buskers must operate within the boundaries of Bermudian Law.
- Performers must cooperate immediately with requests by any member of the Police Department and WEDCO.
- Musicians are permitted to sell recordings of their original work during performances. No other sales are permitted.
- Portrait artists may use one easel and two small folding chairs - additional easels and chairs require prior approval. The sale of pre-drawn work or photocopies is permitted.
- Amplification during performances must be approved by WEDCO in advance. If electricity is required, a separate electricity fee will be incurred (see fee noted under Busking Permit Fees section).
- All acts will be vetted by WEDCO in advance of permit approval or decline. Busker must be willing to provide any additional information, footage or audio requested by WEDCO in the vetting process.
- Permitted Buskers may accept donations from the public within their identified location only. Solicitation of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate termination of the annual permit.
- Permitted Buskers utilizing any space must be certain to leave it in a clean and orderly state. Visual artists creating works must not spill paint or any other substance and art may not be hung on WEDCO property. Any damage/defacement will incur a bill for the cost of cleaning/repair to the performer/artist.

Busking Permit Fees

- Six Month Permit - May to October - is \$50.00
- Annual Permit is \$75.00
- Electricity Fee is \$40.00 per month

Application Process

Busking applications should be emailed to marketing@wedco.bm or delivered to WEDCO's office in the Clocktower Mall.

WEDCO will endeavor to evaluate the application and respond via email with the application status within two weeks of submission.

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