

MAP and INFORMATION

Special Areas for Performances

Two areas near the Tom Scribner statue (see map on back) traditionally have been used by performers and others. These areas have been designated as areas exempt from the distance and time limits that apply when using a display device.

Within these two areas -

You can

- Perform between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm
- Accept tips with a display device
- Perform for longer than 1 hour

Performing on Private Property

Covered spaces in building alcoves and business entranceways are privately owned. Street performers may use these spaces only if they have the permission of the business owner.

Blank agreement forms for permission from a business owner are available at the Downtown Information Center (see map on back).

Remember

When you are street performing downtown:

- Don't block pedestrian traffic
- Sale of merchandise isn't allowed
- Amplified sound isn't allowed without an Amplified Sound Permit
- Other public ordinances are always in effect (noise, panhandling, etc.)

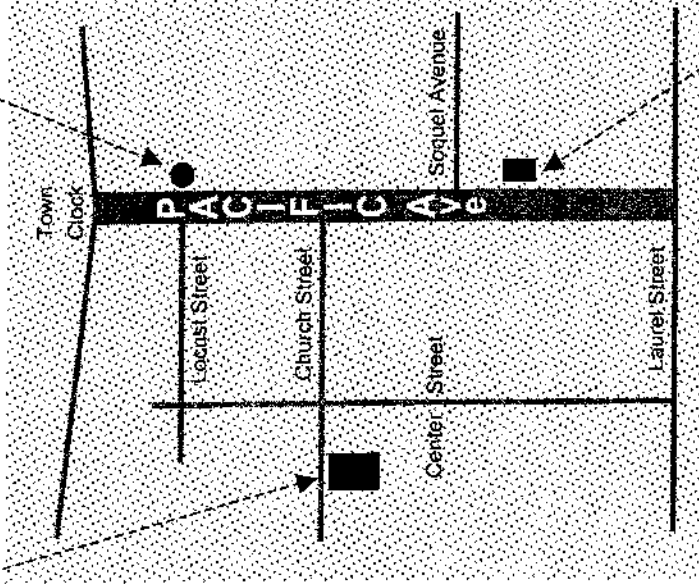
STREET PERFORMING in DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ

Parks and Recreation Department

(Apply for permits)

Office 323 Church Street

Hours M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

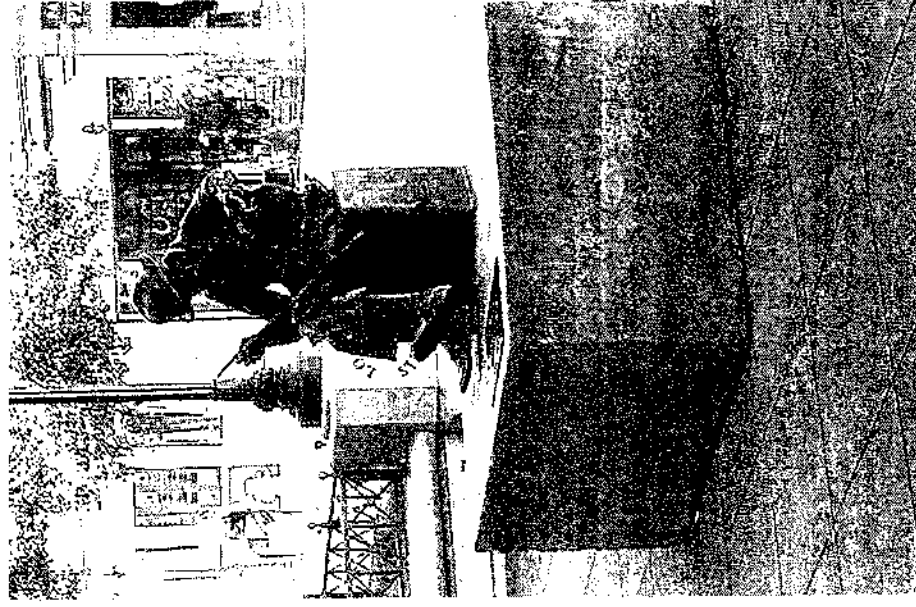


Downtown Information Center

Location 1126 Pacific Avenue

Hours Open every day

When the Center has a closed sign, the hospitality guides are out walking and can be contacted for information.



Tom Scribner, musical saw player
Street performing in Downtown Santa Cruz

Bronze statue by sculptor Marghe McMahon

Located downtown at Pacific Avenue and Locust Street



Welcome to Downtown Santa Cruz

Downtown Santa Cruz is a place where a variety of street performances are enjoyed. The City of Santa Cruz welcomes street performers to be a part of this scene.

Anyone can perform on any of the publicly owned sidewalks in the Downtown area.

However, if a street performer places any object on the sidewalk to collect contributions (a "display device"), the Municipal Code regulates the location and the length of time of the performance.

This brochure outlines what you can do and can't do while street performing in the Downtown area.

Display Device

Any table, chair, box, cloth, container, or other object used for displaying or holding tangible objects.

A hot cup or open musical instrument case placed on the sidewalk is considered a display device.

PERFORMING IN PUBLIC SPACES

If you...

DON'T USE A DISPLAY DEVICE

You can

- Accept tips without placing a display device on the sidewalk
- Perform between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm
- Perform anywhere on public sidewalks

Tip Some ways you can collect contributions are:

- Passing a hat after a performance*
- Having a hat on your lap*
- Wearing something to hold money*

If you...

PLACE A DISPLAY DEVICE ON THE SIDEWALK

You can

- Accept tips using the display device
- Perform between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm
- Perform for 1 hour
- After 1 hour at one location, you must move at least 100 feet to start again

You cannot perform within 10 feet of

- Building windows, entrances, or exits
- Street corners or intersections
- Benches, drinking fountains, or pay phones
- Kiosks or vending carts
- Sidewalk cafes

You cannot perform between

- Sidewalk cafes and the street curb

Tip Each sidewalk square is 2 feet by 2 feet

5 sidewalk squares = 10 feet

STREET PERFORMER PERMIT

No permit is required for street performing on publicly owned sidewalks in the Downtown area.

However, if your performance requires a larger space or more than 20 minutes to set up, you may apply for a permit to reserve space for up to 90 days.

With a permit...

You can perform for

- 2 hrs on sidewalks or 3 hrs in alleys
- From 11:00 am until sunset
- Once a day using the permit

You must

- Manage and monitor crowd size
- Clean up any mess after performing
- Obey police officer directives to ensure public safety
- Display permit when requested

Tip It's always a good policy to notify business neighbors adjacent to your performance area so that any concerns may be taken into consideration.

Applications for Permits are simple to fill

- out at the Parks and Recreation Department (see map on back).
- Street Performer Permit No fee
- Amplified Sound Permit \$333 fee