

Town of Collingwood

2019 Guidelines for Busker License

PROCESS:

Step One: Applicants perform in front of a small jury, showcasing up to 15 minutes of repertoire. Applicants must book their audition time during one of the advertised dates in April, May or June. No additional auditions will be scheduled beyond these dates. Buskers 18 or under must have a parent or legal guardian present at the audition.

Step Two: Following successful auditions, applicants must sign the Buskers Code of Conduct. A photo is taken for identification purposes.

Step Three: Applicants visit the Clerk's Office and apply for their Busker Licence. The fee is \$26 for residents and \$52 for non-residents. A Busker photo ID is issued which must be worn while busking. The Clerk's Office is located at Town Hall, 97 Hurontario Street and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Allow 2 business days to process the application. Buskers 18 or under must have a parent or legal guardian present to process the renewal.

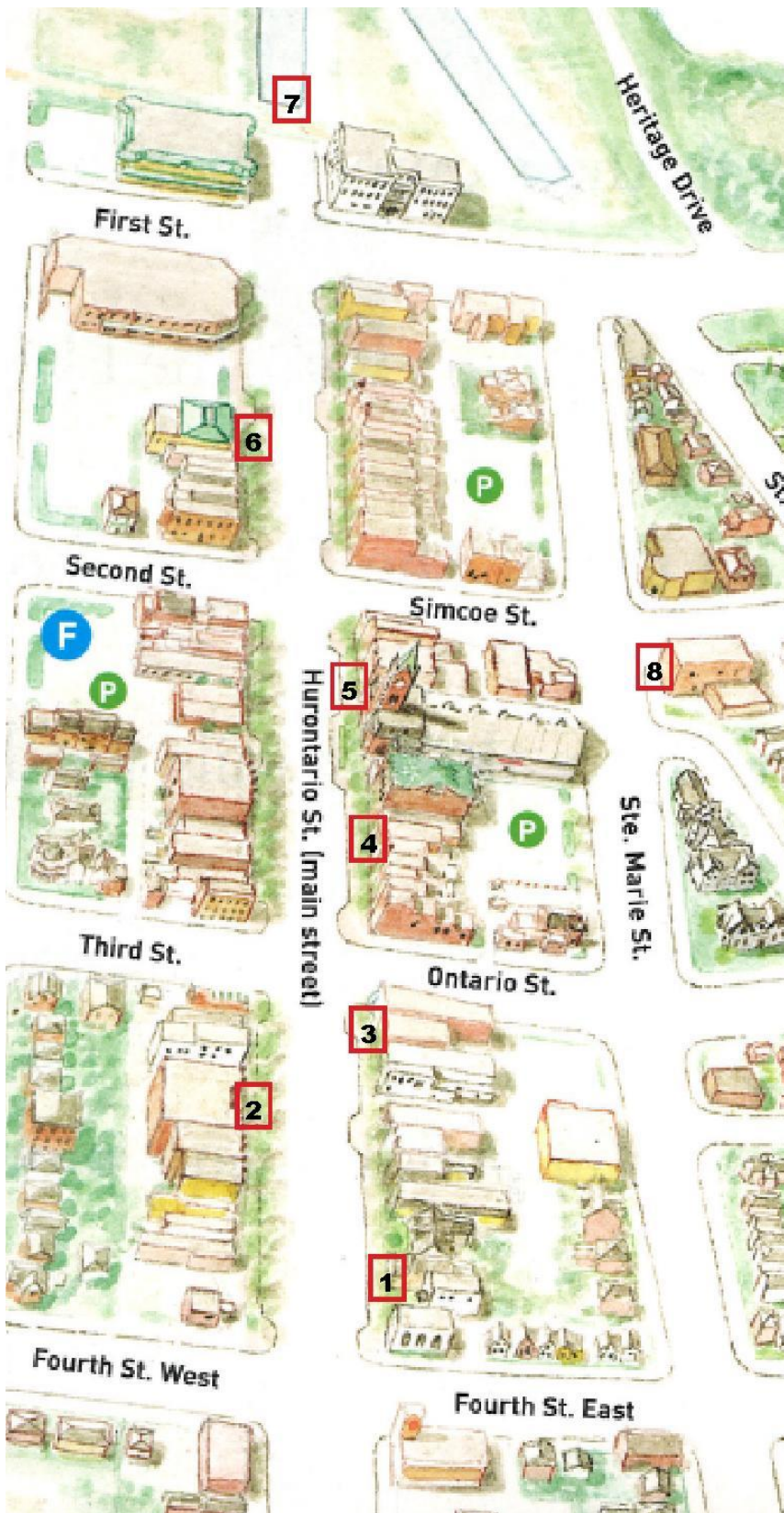
GUIDELINES

1. Licensed buskers may entertain year-round, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. at the designated busking areas in downtown Collingwood. Busking at transit stops, in transit vehicles or other areas is not permitted.
2. Buskers under the age of 16 must have an adult accompanying them at all times.
3. Performance times are one hour per busking location within a four hour time frame. Performances begin at the top of the hour.
4. Maximum number of performers in a single group will not exceed five (5) people.
5. All performances must be suitable for a general family audience rating. Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times.
6. The comfort or safety of others must not be jeopardized. No high risk or unsafe performances.
7. Buskers are permitted to sell goods directly related to their busking (i.e. CDs, artwork). In the case of artists, a maximum of 3 completed items may be brought and displayed. All other works must be created while busking on site.
8. 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 downtown events or festivals or while paid performers are working, busking is not permitted on Hurontario Street.
9. Amplification is permitted at certain locations with the following special conditions:
 - The sound level must be reasonable, within limits set in Town by-laws and intended for an audience within 25 feet.
 - If neighbouring businesses or residents complain about the sound level, it must be lowered.
 - Equipment, cables and cords must meet current safety standards. Cords or other equipment must not cross roadway or pedestrian pathways or in any way interfere with the safe and convenient movement of pedestrians.
 - The town reserves the right to disconnect any equipment that is likely to cause injury or damage.
 - Repeated failure to comply with these conditions will result in the busker's licence being revoked.

Buskers must contact robrien@collingwood.ca 705-444-2500 ext. 3414, prior to using amplification.

10. Failure to display a valid Busker ID or follow these guidelines may result in your Busking Licence being removed.

DESIGNATED 2019 BUSKING LOCATIONS:



1. 239 Hurontario St., Mad Dog's Coffee & Vinyl Café.*
2. 186 Hurontario Street, Sheffer Court
3. 161 Hurontario Street. Flower bed at Gayety Theatre *
4. 127 Hurontario Street. Curb side facing Blue Mountain Music*
5. 97 Hurontario Street. Curb facing entrance to Eddie Bush Arena. *
6. 44 Hurontario Street, Collingwood Federal Building.
7. Entrance to promenade at waterfront.
8. 55 Ste. Marie Street, Collingwood Public Library.

*Pilot locations: The Town reserves the right to add/remove busking locations as deemed necessary at any time.

Town of Collingwood Busker Audition Form

First Name:	Last Name:	Contact Phone #:
		Contact Email:
I would like to audition solo: [<input type="checkbox"/>] I would like to audition with a Group: [<input type="checkbox"/>] Number in Group: _____ <i>Note: If you audition as a group, you must busk as a group. You need an individual licence to busk solo.</i>		Type of Entertainment:
Names of other Members in the group:		
Website with audio samples (MySpace, YouTube, etc.):		
Performance Background (training or previous experience):		
Musical genre(s) (Blues, Classical, Jazz, Country):		
If under 18 years of age:		
Age:	First Name of Guardian:	Last Name of Guardian:
OFFICE USE ONLY		
Date of Audition: Audition Passed: Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] Code of Conduct Agreement Signed: [<input type="checkbox"/>] Town of Collingwood Staff: _____		

Please allow a minimum of 2 business days to process your application. You will be notified of your eligibility by phone or email and if approved, asked to visit the Clerk's Office to pay for your licence and pick up your photo ID.

Thank you.

**Town of Collingwood
Busker Code of Conduct**

Buskers will:

- Respect the right of businesses to operate without undue disturbance by entertainers outside their premises.
- Exhibit good conduct and character while performing (no nudity, swearing, performing while intoxicated, etc.).
- Abide by all municipal by-laws and all federal and provincial statutes and regulations while performing.
- Not solicit donations; however unsolicited donations are permitted in a receptacle such as a musical instrument case, box or hat.

I have read and understood the Buskers Code of Conduct.

X _____
Signature Signature of Guardian Date
(for Buskers under the age of 18)