

Lynn Valley Village BUSKING GUIDELINES



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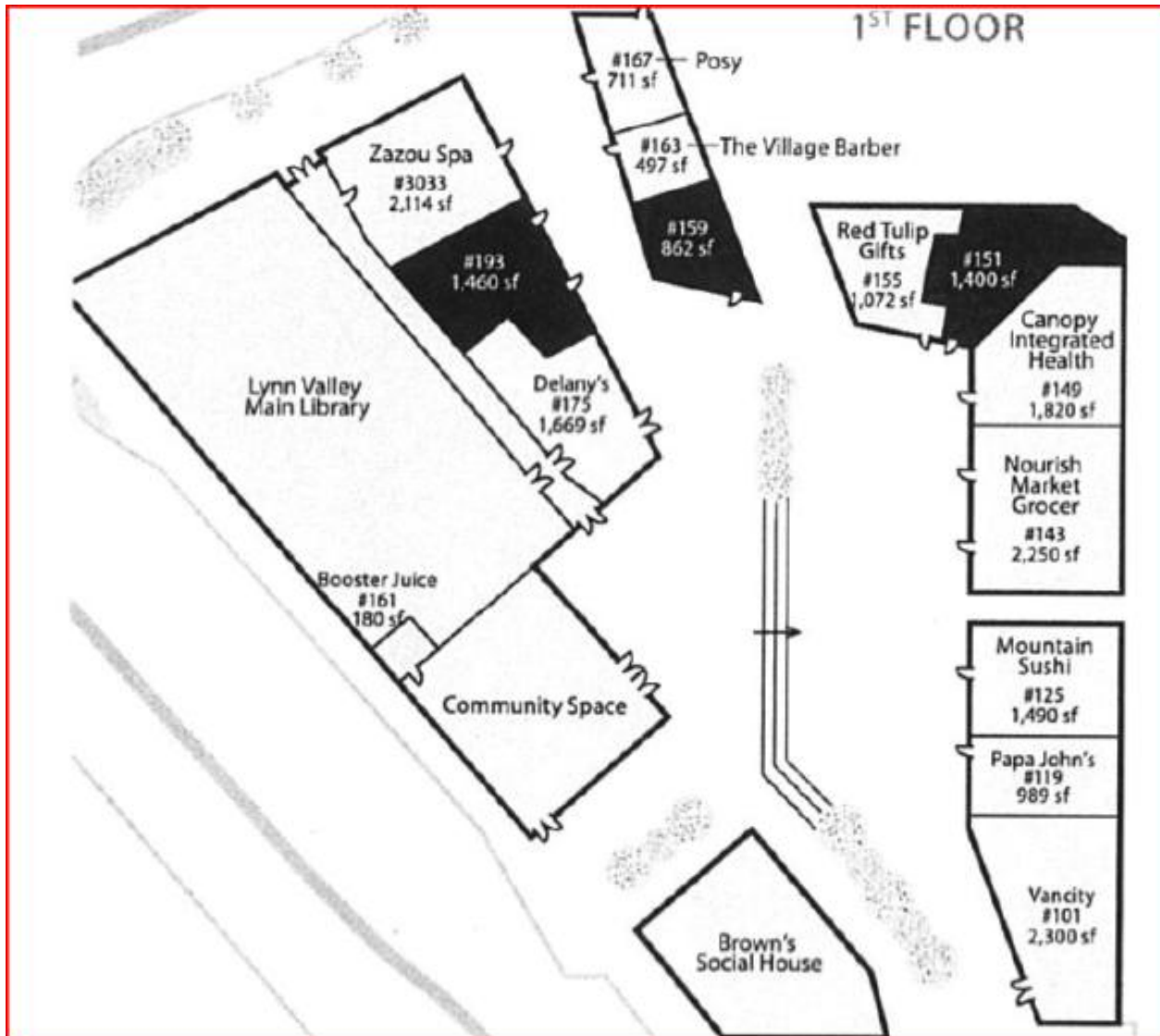
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BUSKING IN LYNN VALLEY VILLAGE

Busking is permitted in the plaza at Lynn Valley Village.



Specific busking locations are not prescribed within the plaza.

However, buskers are asked to avoid locations where their performance will block doorways, display windows or pedestrian access to retail outlets or public services.

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NOTE: A permit is required for busking in Lynn Valley Village. Busking is not generally permitted at any other location in the District of North Vancouver.

APPLYING FOR A PERMIT

Applying for a permit to busk in Lynn Valley Village is EASY:

1. VILLAGE USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Village Use Permit Applications are available for pick-up at:

- ❑ **District of North Vancouver Municipal Hall** ~ Front Reception Desk
(355 West Queens Rd., North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5) OR
- ❑ downloaded from the following websites: <http://www.dnv.org> – online forms
<http://www.artsoffice.ca>

Submit your completed Permit Application to the Front Reception Desk at District Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

2. CREDENTIALS / SAMPLE MATERIALS / SOUND FILES / VIDEO FOOTAGE

Submit: (1) a copy of your performance credentials; and (2) a music or video file of your work (5–10 minutes), including a typical or illustrative sample of your proposed performance and/or routine to the ARTS OFFICE at: info@artsoffice.ca

3. PERMIT APPROVED & ISSUED

It will take THREE business days for your Permit to be approved and issued. Collect your issued Village Use Permit from the Front Reception Desk at District Municipal Hall.

4. SCHEDULING

Refer to Section: “Scheduling Performances” on page 5.

SCHEDULING PERFORMANCES

Busking is permitted between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

The maximum duration for any busking performance = 40 minutes.

Due to the size of the plaza, only one busking act at a time can be permitted to perform.

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Your VILLAGE USE PERMIT provides blanket coverage for the duration of the permit.

In order to schedule performances at specific times and dates, contact the ARTS OFFICE at
PHONE: 604.980.3559 or E-MAIL: info@artsoffice.ca

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It is not required under the permit to book a specific time slot in order to perform.

However, buskers may choose to pre-book up to five time slots in any two week period.

Bookings will be considered on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Bookings should not be considered confirmed until you have spoken with and/or received an e-mail confirmation from ARTS OFFICE staff.

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Buskers may sign up for a maximum of two time slots on any given day, and must ensure that any performances on the same day are at least two hours apart.

In the case of a conflict with another performer(s), preference will be given to the performer with a confirmed booking.

In the event of a conflict with an otherwise scheduled and permitted event, priority will be given to the permitted event.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

A busker must show his/her busking licence when asked by a bylaw officer, by Arts Office staff or by any other agent of the District.

Buskers must comply with requests from local merchants to adjust their location or their act, if the merchant deems the act to be a disturbance to their business.

A busker must comply with licence conditions. Specifically, a busker is responsible for ensuring that his/her act:

- ❑ does not jeopardize the comfort or safety of others;
- ❑ does not cause obstruction at doorways or block access to retail storefronts;
- ❑ is respectful and does not cause offense;
- ❑ does not disturb the public's right to enjoy the plaza;
- ❑ does not exceed reasonable volume levels or cause a disturbance;
- ❑ does not involve the use of dangerous materials.

Failure to comply with the above permit conditions or with any other requirements outlined in these Guidelines may result in your permit being revoked.

REASONABLE VOLUME LEVELS

Many jurisdictions have a series of technical requirements restricting the use of amplified music or simply disallow amplification altogether. Rather than create and monitor technical specifications for a range of different act types and musical performances, the Busking Program at Lynn Valley Village relies on the community standard that something is “too loud” if – in the judgement of a reasonable observer – it can be deemed to be causing a disturbance.

For clarification, volume levels are deemed “reasonable” when the sound from street music and/or performances does not exceed the level of tolerable background noise.

PERFORMER APPROVAL

In order to ensure that all acts meet a reasonable community standard for performance in a public space, anyone wishing to receive a busking permit for Lynn Valley Village must submit:

- (1) a copy of your performance credentials; AND
- (2) a music or video file of your work (5–10 minutes), including a typical or illustrative sample of your proposed performance and/or routine

to the Arts Office at: 315–1277 Lynn Valley Road (Library Bldg, 3rd Floor), or by e-mail to: info@artsoffice.ca.

As noted above (p.4) performance review files should be provided at the same time as you submit the Village Use Permit to District Hall.

A busking permit will NOT be issued without receipt and approval of your performance review files.

WHAT IS BUSKING?

The Lynn Valley Village Busking Program recognizes busking as “street performance.”

In other words, a busker is a person who plays an instrument, sings, dances, juggles, mimes, performs or otherwise entertains the public with a creative or artistic practice.

CAN I MAKE MONEY?

The Lynn Valley Village Busking Program recognizes that busking is a valid way for musicians and street performers to make money.

However, members of the public should not feel coerced to give money.

A busker may respectfully solicit donations in appreciation of his or her performance.

A busker may sell originals or reproductions of his or her own work – e.g. music CD’s, balloon animals, etc. Sale of others’ work is not permitted.

Sale of work is restricted to during the performance, or immediately before or after the performance only.

HOW MUCH DOES A PERMIT COST?

Busking Permits at Lynn Valley Village cover 10 weeks and can be obtained FREE OF CHARGE.