



Busker / Street Performance

2026 Guidelines

All Buskers and Street Performance groups must register with the City of Anoka prior to performing. There is no fee to busk in Anoka.

Busking permit is good for one (1) year only starting April 1 and expires on March 31 annually. Applications for the following year will be available March 1. Buskers must always clearly display the permit while performing.

The performer agrees to perform for **no more than 2 hours** at a time in a single location per day. Only ONE busker/street performance group is allowed in each designated location at a time. If another busker is setting up or performing, please allow the busker to finish their set. The two-hour time limit begins once the performer is set up, not when the performer arrives on-site.

Buskers are responsible for providing their own equipment, setting up, and taking down their own sound reinforcement, display materials, and entertainment items. The City of Anoka does not provide any equipment or electrical power. Amps should be battery powered and portable. **Do not plug amps into outlets on trees, tree light strings; do not break locks to access power pedestals.** Amplification volume must not exceed **68 decibels**.

Performances may only take place from 11am – 8pm daily. **No performances allowed at Riverfront Memorial Park 3 – 8pm on Wednesdays from June 17 to September 30 or during permitted special events.** Locations where permitted City Events are taking place will be unavailable to busking (i.e. Food Truck Festival, HopeFest, Vintage Fest, Halloween Inc, etc.)

Some of the designated busker locations are not suitable for groups of over 2 people. Please set up at a location that is suitable for your number of performers:

- Riverfront Memorial Park Stage, 2001 2nd Ave. Great for all groups sizes!
- City Hall River Plaza, 2015 First Ave. Set up near the Pumpkin Sculpture. Great for all group sizes!
- Port of Anoka Dock, 2015 First Ave. Set up behind City Hall on the upper sidewalk next to the building or on the overlook. Do not block the trail. Great for all group sizes!
- NE Corner of 2nd Ave and Jackson Street, near 200 Jackson Street. Great spot for Soloists & Duos!
- SW Corner of Main Street and 3rd Ave. Set up between the bus shelter & planter bed or by the bike racks. Great spot for soloists, duos or trios!
- Mid-block of Main Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue. The shop owner at Anoka Clothing Co is happy to let soloists perform near the store entrance!

Please respect any request by a shop/business owner to relocate to a different location or to adjust the volume of your performance. Business owners have a right to ask you to move on if you are disrupting their ability to do business or if customers are not able to access their business.

Requests for tips shall be made in a courteous, polite, non-intimidating, and professional manner. This means you shouldn't ask for tips, but may simply provide something for people to place money into.

Sale of performance related products and/or services during a performance is allowed by permitted buskers.

All performance content and material must be suitable and appropriate for family viewing (people of all ages). Performance subject matter, lyrics, costumes/dress, etc. should be appropriate for all ages and be free of profanity, bigotry, hate, racial slurs, or derogatory references. The busker program is intended to provide entertainment to the general public and not be an outlet for protests or political messaging.

All equipment must be mobile and tended to at all times. No driving or parking on the grass or sidewalks. All equipment must be easily transported to and from the busking locations. Do not block sidewalks. Pedestrians and wheelchairs must be able to pass by with ease on the sidewalk. The City of Anoka is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken equipment.

A busker permit may be revoked at any time for any reasonable cause. The busker program may be eliminated at any time if the guidelines are not adhered to.

Questions may be directed to: City of Anoka Public Services Department 763-576-2980