



# CITY OF MONTGOMERY BUSKERS' PROGRAM

Because our City wants to provide a venue for street performers to showcase their talents and exceptional abilities, while adding vitality to our downtown area, The City of Montgomery invites Buskers to participate in bringing music, dancing and loads of entertainment to our great city.

## For More Information Contact:

License and Revenue Division  
25 Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
(334) 625-2036  
Monday-Friday

## BUSKERS' LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- A completed City of Montgomery buskers' application
- A document from a City of Montgomery licensed, or a statutory exempt nonprofit organization (Proof of exemption is required).
- Mandatory licensing fee of \$25.00 (good through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year), or \$7.00 per day for no more than 3 consecutive days.
- Applicant has not had a business license revoked within the last twelve (12) months
- Present U.S. government-issued photo identification
- Ability to obtain a City of Montgomery Buskers' photo I.D. card issued by the City of Montgomery Police Department (per busker)
- Your Busking Permit/License and City of Montgomery issued photo I.D. is non transferable

### Examples of Permitted Busking:



- ✓ Live singing or playing of an instrument
- ✓ Dance or movement
- ✓ Poem Recitations
- ✓ Street magic
- ✓ Portrait sketching
- ✓ Non-profanity laced comedy
- ✓ May use low amplified, acoustic sound mechanisms only
- ✓ A busker may orally request donations of money at a performance, provided that no sign requesting donations shall exceed twelve inches by eighteen inches. Signs shall not be placed within the right-of way.
- ✓ Megaphones may be used only if a performance is in conjunction with a permitted street event or festival.

### Examples of Excluded Busking Activities:

- ❖ Buskers shall not consume nor be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other controlled or intoxicating substances while performing.
- ❖ Buskers shall not sell, serve or otherwise dispense alcoholic beverages.
- ❖ Buskers shall not use pyrotechnics, fireworks, knives, animals, fire, projectiles or any other prop, device or material which could cause harm to or endanger life and property.
- ❖ Buskers shall not perform BEFORE the hour of 9 a.m. and after the hour of 10 p.m.
- ❖ Busker performances shall not interfere with community events, street events or festivals that are approved by the City, or holder of a parade permit, unless invited to participate.



# BUSKING LICENSE PROCESS & CHECKLIST

Below is the information required to apply for a City of Montgomery Busking License

## LICENSING PROCESS

**Step 1.** Obtain and complete the City of Montgomery Busking application, or Temporary Busking Application as found at [www.montgomeryal.gov](http://www.montgomeryal.gov) under the License and Revenue page. You may also obtain the application at:

City of Montgomery  
License and Revenue Division  
25 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104.

**\*\* Please note, your presence will be required in order to take a picture for your City of Montgomery-issued Busker's identification card.**

**Step 2.** After submitting your application to the City's License and Revenue Division, please contact Elaine Rodgers, Safety & Claims Assistant at **334-625-2298**. Ms. Rodgers will provide instructions on obtaining the City of Montgomery Busker's identification card.

**Step 3.** Once your picture has been taken, please allow up to a week for the busker's identification card to be delivered to the License and Revenue Division. Once the card has been received, you will be notified by phone to pick up the card, and pay for your busker's license. You may also call **(334) 625-2036** to inquire about your busker's card, prior to visiting the office.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

- Completed City of Montgomery Busking Application
- Letter of sponsorship from a sponsoring organization
- Copy of sponsoring organization's state-issued "Letter of Exemption" (*if applicable*)
- Proof of sponsoring organization's City of Montgomery Business License (*if applicable*)
- Your current, U.S. government-issued photo identification