

SFMA Busker Rules and Policies

The primary purpose of SFMA is to provide access to fresh local food and handmade goods to the community; and to create an avenue for growers, bakers and artisans to reach that community. Vendors pay for the privilege of being at the market. Buskers are an asset to the atmosphere of the market, but because they do not pay to perform, the rights of the market vendors take precedence over the rights of the buskers. The market reserves the right to limit the total number of buskers at any one time.

- All buskers must check in before setting up at the market information booth each week. All buskers must cooperate with adjacent vendors. Should the market receive one complaint from any vendor regarding a performance, the onsite manager will investigate and determine appropriate action. Market staff has the authority to move and reassign performer spots to facilitate market operations.
- All performances must be considered family-friendly. Obscenity or indecency will not be tolerated. Buskers are allowed to collect tips. Performers can not ask for money or require payment, but may place a donation basket in one location and it cannot be passed around. CD sales are permitted. It is the responsibility of the busker to report all income, including tips, to the state tax commission.
- Buskers must play acoustically. Percussion and horns will be allowed with approval by the on-site market staff.
- Buskers must move locations every hour but they may not walk around and perform.
- Any busker determined by Market Manager to not be complying with the market rules may be asked to leave. Busker's performances must not interfere with market operations or any vendor's ability to do business.
- The busker must ensure that the performance area is not blocking the flow of public movement and that it does not interfere with the fire lane.
- SFMA is not liable for any injury, theft or damage to either the busker or their property arising out of, or pertaining to, the preparation or participation; whether such injury, theft, or damage occurred prior, during, or after the market, the busker agrees to indemnify and hold the market harmless for and against any claims for such injury, theft or damage.
- Buskers are responsible for the security of their possessions.
- No amplifiers or motorized vehicles are allowed in the market. Public parking facilities are available in surrounding parking structures and on the street.
- Buskers may not erect any tents, tables, easy-up, or structure of any kind are allowed.
- Groups of four or more must ask special permission to set up at the market due to space limitations and sound levels. On-site managers reserve the right to monitor set up and sound levels and ask for reduced volume.
- Knives, swords, torches, flames, axes, saws or other objects that can cause bodily injury to any person are prohibited.
- SFMA currently does not have a license to allow performances of copyrighted music. Musicians may only perform original music or music in the public domain (any song or musical work published in 1922 or earlier). All musicians are responsible for paying any fees associated with their music. SFMA may refuse any busker at any time for any reason.