

Notice for street musicians and street artists /actors.



Detailing the regulations effective from 06.02.2012 for the region Lokstedt.

Artistic presentations can liven up the various parts of our city and its environs. However we are sure, that you will understand that not all of our citizens will appreciate it without reservation. That is especially so, when it always takes place at the same location, or when endless repetitions of the same work are presented.

The city authorities must ensure that the regulations regarding conduct and noise limits in open spaces and along the roads of our city - especially the "Hamburgisches Wegegesetz" (HWG), the "Hamburgisches Lärmschutzgesetz" (HmbLärmSchG) and the "Gesetz über Ordnungswidrigkeiten" (OwiG) are adhered to. It should be our common goal, that all activities take place in a peaceful and acceptable manner without any requirement for the city authorities to intervene. This can only be achieved if you keep to the following regulations, when you organize or take part in musical or artistic presentations on our streets.

1. Presentations are not allowed at all between **21:00 (9pm) and 10:00 (10am)** the following day. During the remaining time, presentations are limited to a maximum of 30 minutes for any one location, further presentations must be at new locations. To qualify as being at a new location, the next presentation must take place at least **150 meters** away from the preceding one.
2. **Relatively quiet musical instruments, without amplification, such as guitars or violins and quieter musical presentations or pantomime are acceptable. The use of loud instruments such as drums, trumpets and horns of all types and bagpipes, requires written permission. The use of any amplification or sound reproduction equipment also requires written permission. Permission can be obtained by applying to the office shown below. The application must be written in the German language and has to reach the office shown below at least 2 weeks before the first planned use of the musical instruments, amplifiers or sound reproduction equipment listed in the application. Handling any applications creates costs and a charge will be incurred in all cases, whether the application is successful or not.**
3. **Using the above (in section 2) mentioned "louder instruments, amplifiers or sound reproduction equipment" without prior written permission, will lead to the authorities preventing the presentation from continuing, they can also give notification of a following prosecution for the relevant minor offence. There will be a charge levied for the unauthorized use of the instruments or equipment in question.**
4. Presentations must be stopped immediately if the safe and orderly flow of traffic, especially pedestrian traffic, is adversely affected. They must also be stopped immediately, if people working or living around the location are being annoyed or inconvenienced.
5. Offering wares for sale, setting out tables, chairs, umbrellas etc. and the distribution of commercial pamphlets or advertising is not allowed.
6. Financial donations cannot be collected by active methods, such as direct requests or holding collection boxes in front of people, only passive collections are allowed.
7. Events / presentations which have applied for and received official permission to take place, have priority over other events which do not have prior permission. Events cannot take place on locations for which other users have special rights, for example: outside restaurant areas, cafes and summer terraces without the explicit written agreement of those users.

We ask for your understanding in these matters, and that you follow these guidelines without exception!

Contravention of these rules can lead to the event or presentation being prevented by the police or the city authorities. Also it can lead to a prosecution and the musical instruments, amplifiers or sound reproduction equipment may be confiscated to prevent further use.

Questions about this notice and applications for permission for events should be sent to: **Bezirksamt Eimsbüttel, Fachamt Management des öffentlichen Raumes, Grindelberg 66, 20144 Hamburg, Telefon +49 40 428 01 2786**