



BUSKING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2026

Portland Farmers Market (PFM) holds the legal permit from Portland Parks and Recreation for this event. Our mission is to operate world-class farmers markets that contribute to the success of local food growers and producers and create vibrant community gatherings. To ensure the downtown PFM markets are a positive experience for all, we ask visiting street performers to adhere to the guidelines listed below modeled after Downtown Portland's Clean & Safe Street Musician Agreement.

Requirements and Allowed Activity

- Musicians, singers, mimes, artists, etc., can perform at PFM Markets. Refer to the **Prohibited Activity section to review the types of activities and performances not allowed at PFM markets.**
- Buskers are required to register at the PFM Information or Manager's booth.
- Buskers who agree to PFM's Partnership Agreement will be approved and granted a season-long Buskers Pass to be displayed whenever performing at our markets.
- General requirements buskers must agree to retain their pass:
 - Respect the direction of PFM staff.
 - Follow the rules as noted here and as agreed to with receipt of Busker Pass.
 - ***Keep away from lines of customers in front of any vendors and ensure shoppers can easily pass by the crowd.***

Location Parameters

- Busker locations must be pre-approved by PFM staff before starting performance.
- All busker areas in and around the market will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ***Buskers must remain at least 30 ft from any vendor***, and gathering crowds must give at least a 10 ft clearance around vendors. Buskers are to manage their crowds.
- Buskers must respect the space of our occasionally hired musicians and keep the space around them clear.

Time Limits

- ***Buskers must move after 60 minutes to a new location and are on their own to monitor this.***
- PFM staff may, at their discretion, ask buskers to move at any time. The staff agrees to be professional and courteous and not interrupt a musician in the middle of a number.
- Buskers are limited to a maximum of two one-hour sessions at any one location per day. One-hour sessions may not be consecutive.

Prohibited Activity

- PFM does not allow any of the following types of activities to be performed by buskers: ***flying objects, sword swallowing, balloon arts, flames/fire, personal services, sales of any kind, or any activity deemed potentially unsafe by market staff***, and anything prohibited by Portland Parks and Recreation.
- PFM does not allow performing in a loud or disruptive manner that would obstruct any market activity such as shopper movement, vendor/shopper interaction, PFM entertainment or events.
 - By the City of Portland ordinance, using a sound-producing device, such as voice, instrument, amplifier, tape player, etc., on public property or on a public right of way must have a sound level adjusted so as to not "be plainly audible 100 feet or more." **See reverse side for City of Portland regulations regarding permitted events.

CITY PERMIT REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET

Title 18 Noise Control

18.12.020B Specific Prohibitions Sound producing or reproducing equipment. Operating or permitting the use or operation of any device designed for sound production or reproduction in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance; or operating or permitting the operating or use of any such device between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. so as to be plainly audible within any dwelling unit which is not the source of sound; or operating any such device on public property or on a public right of way so as to be plainly audible 100 feet or more from such device provided that a person operating any such device in a City park pursuant to a permit granted by the Commissioner In Charge of the Park Bureau shall be in violation only if the device is plainly audible at any point along the park boundary.

Title 20 Parks and Recreation

20.08.010 Permits Required for Park Uses It is unlawful for any person to conduct or participate in any activity in a Park, for which a permit is required, unless the Parks Reservation Center has issued a permit for the activity. A permit is required for any activity in a Park under any one or more of the following circumstances: The activity includes using the Park or Park area in a manner inconsistent with uses designated by the Director for that Park or Park area, or includes conduct that otherwise is prohibited in a Park, including, but not limited to, conducting business, charging admission or otherwise receiving payment for goods or services related to the activity, or possessing, serving or consuming alcoholic beverages.

20.08.060 Prohibited Conduct at Permitted Events In addition to any other applicable provision of law, it is unlawful for any person to engage in any of the following conduct at any event for which a permit has been issued in any Park:

- A. Any conduct that substantially prevents any other person from viewing, hearing or meaningfully participating in the event.
- B. Any conduct that substantially interferes with the free passage of event participants or attendees by creating an insurmountable obstacle at any entrance, aisle, walkway, stairwell, ramp, esplanade, vendor booth, ride or other area commonly used for public access, egress or ingress.
- C. Using any facility, structure, fixture, improvement or other thing within the area covered by the permit in a manner contrary to or inconsistent with its intended, designated or safe use. This Subsection does not apply to any person engaged in any constitutionally protected expression, unless, and then only to the extent that, in connection with the expression, the person engages in conduct that amounts to misuses of things as proscribed by this Subsection.

20.12.020 Soliciting For or Conducting Business Except as expressly permitted under the terms of a lease, concession or permit, no person shall solicit for or conduct any business in a Park.

For purposes of this Section, “solicit for or conduct any business” means:

1. Sell or offer to sell any article or service
2. Display goods, or descriptions or depictions of goods or services, with the intent to engage any member of the public in a transaction for the sale of any good or service or perform or engage in any act with the intent or expectation of receiving payment therefor from any person.

I agree to follow the rules outlined above while performing at the Portland Farmers Market.

Busker Printed Name

Busker Signature

PFM Manager Signature

Date