

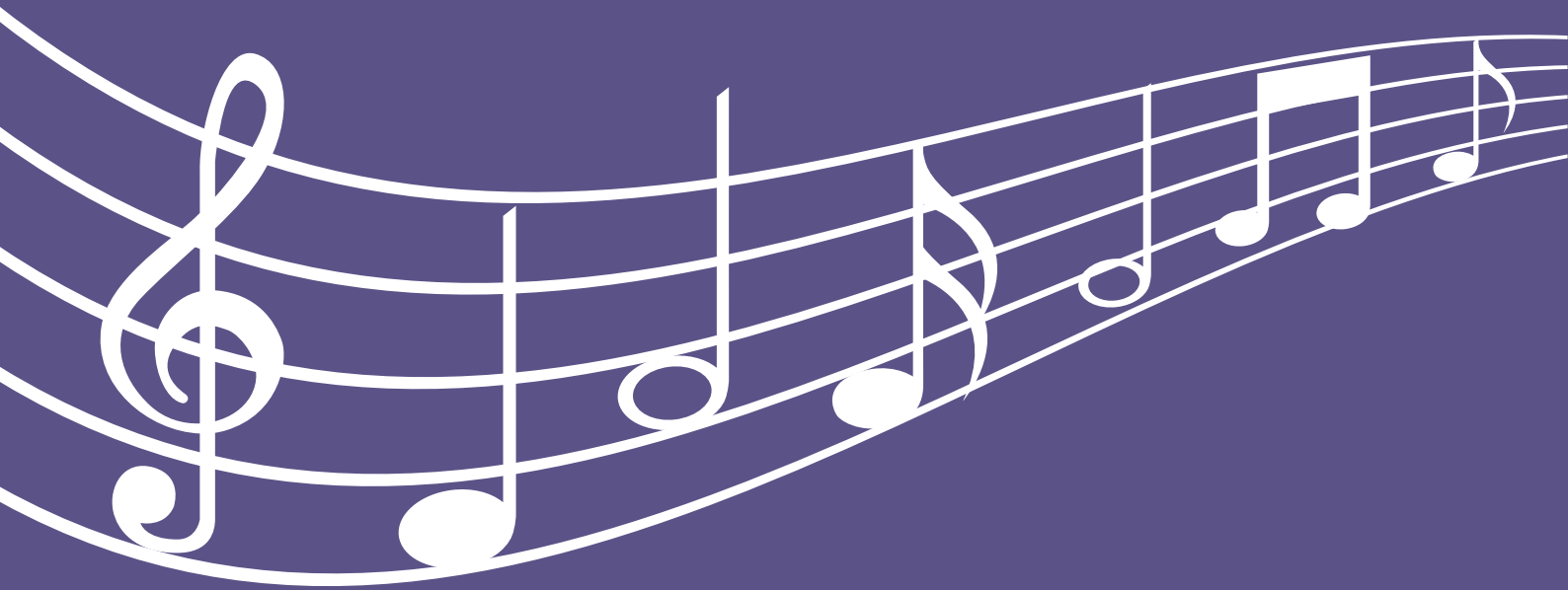


TAUNTON
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Busking in Taunton

Code of Conduct

A licence is not required to busk in Taunton, and as a Town Council we welcome street performances, however there are some rules to which buskers must adhere.





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1. Music should not be so loud that it can be plainly heard at a distance of 50 metres or more.
2. An entertainer should not locate within 50 metres of another entertainer who is already performing.
3. An entertainer should not perform for longer than one hour in any location and should not perform again at that location (or within 50 metres of it) for three hours.
4. An entertainer should not obstruct free passage or allow their audience to do so. Access to shops, cycle-stands and bus-stops should be kept clear.
5. An entertainer should not actively collect money, using signage or any other means; however, it will be permissible to have a receptacle, such as a hat, music case or box for the acceptance of donations from the public.
6. No merchandise should be sold without first obtaining a street traders license.
7. An entertainer should immediately stop performing when requested to do so by a Police officer or council official.
8. The appearance and quality of an act should demonstrate a positive intention to entertain passers-by, not to solicit money through sympathy.
9. Entertainers should not perform in a manner that could be considered to be dangerous and/or inappropriate and they must not be dressed or conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public.
10. The use of animals will not be permitted in any act unless written permission has been given by Taunton Town Council and an assessment on the grounds of animal welfare has been carried out by Taunton Town Council and any other partner they deem necessary to make a decision of an animal abuse in an act.