

Walnut Creek Downtown is seeking entertainers and artists to share their talents with our visitors and business community to share artistic joy to the downtown! Entertainers are invited to volunteer to perform at one of our three Downtown 'Stages' during the allotted timeslots, now through October 31, 2022. Reserve as many performance times as you'd like, up to two months in advance. Feel free to collect tips and share promotional material during your session. We encourage contactless payment options for tipping, such as Venmo or Virtual Tip Jar. Maximum of four performers are allowed at each stage.

**Here are the Entertainment Guidelines (including the Walnut Creek Safety & Noise Ordinance) you are required to follow if you choose to participate. By signing up via this online portal, you are acknowledging that you have reviewed and agree to the guidelines, plus the FAQs below. For questions, please email [services@walnutcreekdowntown.com](mailto:services@walnutcreekdowntown.com).**

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## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDELINES

Please review the following guidelines that all performers must abide by while involved in live performances in Downtown Walnut Creek:

- ✓ If performers are feeling sick or have come into close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please stay at home.
- ✓ A maximum of 4 performers per stage location is permitted.
- ✓ Performers are permitted to post a sign during their reserved time slot sharing their Venmo account information for tips and are encouraged to promote receiving virtual tips versus cash tips. Signs must be removed at the conclusion of your performance.
- ✓ Ambient entertainment is preferred. Guests at nearby businesses should not have to raise their voice to speak over the music.
- ✓ A temporary pop-up permit does not override the City of Walnut Creek Noise Ordinance. Outdoor amplified sound is permitted by [city code](#) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. only.
- ✓ If any complaints (noise or otherwise) are received, the performers will be directly contacted by either Walnut Creek Downtown staff, the Walnut Creek Police Department and/or the City's Code Enforcement Officers to request that they turn the music down or completely off, regardless of the time.

## PERFORMER FAQs

- **Will the performance area be marked out? How do I know I'm in the right place?**
  - Address locations are listed on the sign up. Our 'stages' are pop-up, busker style entertainment locations in high-foot traffic areas/plazas. There is no actual stage on a raised platform.
- **Will performers and artists be required to have masks on?**
  - No, however please follow the current health guidelines regarding masks.
- **Will there be electricity available?**
  - Power or a P.A. system is not provided at the 'stage' locations. If necessary, you may bring and use your own generator.
- **What are rules regarding performing covers of songs from other artists?**
  - The City of Walnut Creek has two music licenses, ASCAP and BMI, that allow the performance of cover songs.
- **Will any personnel be on site to connect with prior to the performance time?**
  - No, however WCD staff contact info can be found below if you have questions. The locations are busker-style public areas that provide ambient music for passersby. No supervision is provided.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Downtown Walnut Creek!**