



**CITY OF FORT BRAGG**

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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
**TO:** VISIT FORT BRAGG COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** CRISTAL MUNOZ, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING DOWNTOWN BUSKING

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**BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:**

The Visit Fort Bragg Committee has expressed interest in having buskers in the Central Business District. Busking is an activity of playing music or performing in the street or another public place for voluntary donations. The Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 9.44.070 Hawkers and Peddlers (Ord. 413, § 5) states that “it is unlawful for any person within the City to sell, advertise, or invite patronage for anything by public outcry or by use of any type of noise-making or sound amplification device”.

The Community Development Committee recommended allowing busking in the Central Business District with a Limited Term Permit. A Limited Term Permit will allow short-term activities that might not meet the normal development or use standard, but may otherwise be acceptable because of their temporary nature.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Visit Fort Bragg Committee can apply for the Limited Term Permit on an annual basis to allow busking on First Fridays. We would then require the buskers to apply for a First Friday Busking application. This permit will have special conditions to ensure public welfare and safety, such as:

- Buskers shall only be allowed where there is adequate room to accommodate normal pedestrians and handicapped access. In all cases, doorways must not be impeded and a minimum width of 4 feet clearance must be maintained.
- This permit may be suspended at any time to avoid conflicts with activities in the public right-of-way, such as construction, parades, or emergencies.
- Busking shall not negatively impact health, safety, or public welfare – no use of vulgarity, profane language, aggressive quips, etc.

The Visit Fort Bragg Committee has allocated \$800 for musicians. Buskers will be funded on a first come, first served basis. Buskers shall secure a business license if receiving

payment from VFB Committee. Should a performer not wish to obtain a business license or if the allocated funded has been expended, tip jars are encouraged.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Visit Fort Bragg Committee does not pursue busking on First Fridays.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

VFB First Friday Busking Application

New Vendor Forms and Business License Application

Draft VFB First Friday Limited Term Permit