



Boardwalk Entertainer Program Ordinance Information

The Boardwalk Entertain Program is governed by City ordinance 18-13 BOARDWALK ENTERTAINERS and it states, in summary, the following:

1. Permits are required for all performances between May 1st and October 31st shall take place only within the two designated entertainment zones listed below:
 - a. Entertainment Zone 1 – 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Streets.
 - b. Entertainment Zone 2 – 12th, 13th and 14th Streets.
2. An entertainer must fill out the entertainers application form and submit it to the Department of Community Services. Applications for entertainers under the age of 18 years must be signed by both the entertainer and the entertainer's legal guardian.
3. Sound produced by an entertainer (or group of entertainers) shall not be audible 30 feet from the Boardwalk railing adjacent to which the entertainer(s) is/are performing. No electronic amplifiers are permitted for performances. An electronic instrument, such as a keyboard, is permitted provided that the music is not audible thirty (30') feet from the Boardwalk railing adjacent to which the entertainer is performing.
4. The use of any sharp or dangerous weapons, except sword swallowers, is prohibited.
5. Performances should be appropriate for a general audience and profanity is prohibited. Nudity is not permitted. **Performances involving animals, paints, markers, pencils, charcoal, fire, drums, balloons or crayons are not permitted.**
6. The hat or other receptacle for donation collection must remain stationary. No sign requesting contributions shall exceed eight inches by eight inches in size.
7. A Boardwalk Entertainer license shall entitle a performer to perform on the Boardwalk on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and Sundays. The right to perform is subject to other permitted uses which may take precedence over a street performer license. Examples of other permitted uses include, but are not limited to, Special Events such as Family Night, Character Night, Mummies Night and parades. Entertainers are permitted to perform at designated performance locations on designated days between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
8. No entertainer(s) shall remain at any said location for more than 4 hours per forty-eight-hour period.
9. The application must be verified before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.
10. The fee is \$200 per entertainer. A group such as a band shall be required to pay one annual fee. A group cannot exceed four (4) individuals.
11. If a badge is lost, the Department of Community Services shall issue a replacement badge on payment by the licensee of a fee of \$15.
12. A street entertainer may not set any fee or require any donation for his or her performance; or suggest any minimum or maximum donation.

Please be advised that this application must be notarized before a permit can be issued. The form does not need to be notarized in Ocean City, however the City of Ocean City can notarize this form (complimentary) during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at City Hall.



Boardwalk Entertainer Program Sign Up and Spot Assignment Information

1. Entertainers must complete the license application the following page. All forms on the application are required to be completed.
2. Entertainers are required to have a picture taken that is issued with the license.
3. Licenses will be issued at City Hall in Room #214, Monday thru Friday only, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No applications will be processed via mail.
4. All entertainers will be loaded into our recreation software system, Rec Desk. If you would like to create your account on Rec Desk in advance, you may do so here: www.ocnj.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Signup
 - a. **NOTE:** Completing the Rec Desk process does not replace the paper application process. If you have participated in camps or have an Aquatic & Fitness Center membership, you might already have a Rec Desk account.
5. For 2026, Entertainer performance sign-ups and spot assignments will be handled electronically, there will be no in person sign-ups. The process is simple:
 - a. Beginning on performance days, sign-ups will open online at 10:00 a.m. on the Rec Desk Website. The sign ups will remain open until all spots are filled. If you are placed on a waitlist, that means you are not guaranteed a spot. Entertainers will not be signing up for a specific location, they will only be signing up indicating that they would like to perform on that day.
 - b. By 4:00 p.m. on the specific performance date, an email will be sent to those that have signed up for a performance spot informing them of the assigned performance location for that specific night. Entertainers will not be permitted to start performing until 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTES: This process is completely done online, there will be no in person sign up at the Civic Center or Music Pier. The spot assignments are decided by the Department of Community Services and the decisions are final. Entertainers are NOT permitted to switch spots. The Ocean City Police Department will conduct nightly spot checks to confirm entertainers are adhere to the rules and regulations of the program.



2026 Boardwalk Entertainer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth and Age: _____

Description of entertainment to be performed: _____

If applicant is minor, provide parent/guardian contact information. Performers under the age of 16 will need one of the persons listed below to be present during performance.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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The Applicant (or Entertainer) hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the **City** from and for any claims, suits, actions, damages or injury, including death and/or property loss, and any and all costs, charges and expenses incurred in defending such claims, suits, actions, damages or injury, but only to the extent that they are found to have been caused by a negligent act, error or omission of the Applicant (or Entertainer).

Applicant(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this _____ day of _____,

A.D., _____.

Internal Information

Date Fee Paid: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____ Badge # _____