

GENERALLY BINDING DECREE

on restrictive measures to protect local public order in connection with the operation of public street artistic production in public places (busking)

On 28 January 2016, the Prague City Assembly resolved to issue the following generally binding decree in accordance with Section 44 (3)(a) of Act No. 131/2000 Coll., on the City of Prague:

Section 1

The operation of public street artistic production in public places is an activity that can disturb the public order in the City of Prague.

Section 2

Definition of terms

Public street artistic production ("busking") means operating live production, primarily musical, theatrical or artistic, in publicly accessible places. Public performances involving animals are not public street artistic productions.¹⁾

Section 3

(1) Busking can only be conducted in open-air public spaces.

(2) Within the protected heritage zone²⁾:

- a) acoustic productions may be operated solely without the use of amplification devices
- b) it is forbidden to use loud musical instruments, e.g. drums, loud ethnic instruments or other items used as musical instruments
- c) it is forbidden to use bagpipes and wind instruments that issue high tones, in particular the piccolo or oboe
- d) brass and other instruments may only be used for public street artistic productions with a damper where it is possible, in particular for saxophones.

Section 4

Sites where busking is forbidden

Busking is forbidden in the following places:

- a) on children's playgrounds
- b) by churches or other places of worship during religious services or immediately before or after such
- c) by schools (excepting Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and school holidays)
- d) by healthcare facilities
- e) in the area of boarding islands or separate platforms for public transport
- f) Jugoslavská, Prague 2, in the area between the intersection with Legerova and the intersection with Bělehradská
- g) Křižovnické náměstí, Prague 1
- h) Letenské náměstí, Prague 7

- i) Náměstí I. P. Pavlova, Prague 2
- j) the park on Tusarova, parcel no. 2316/1,2 and 2316/5,6, cadastre area of Holešovice, Prague 7
- k) Old Town Square, Prague 1, in the area defined in the north by the frontage of the Old Town Hall and Astronomical Clock, in the west by the building at Staroměstské náměstí 2 and the entrance to Malé náměstí, in the south by the boundary of the buildings at Staroměstské náměstí 29, 21, 25 and 22 and in the east by the connection between the mouth of Železná and the commemorative site of the 27 executed Bohemian nobles (including this site)
- l) Tylovo náměstí, Prague 2

Section 5

Sites where busking in the form of acoustic production is forbidden

(1) Busking in the form of acoustic production is forbidden in the following places:

- a) Celetná, Prague 1
- b) Hradčanské náměstí, Prague 1, the area between the 1st courtyard of Prague Castle, the Archbishop's Palace and the mouth of the streets Ke Hradu and Zámecké schody
- c) Husova, Prague 1
- d) Jilská, Prague 1
- e) Jindřišská, Prague 1
- f) Jungmannovo náměstí, Prague 1
- g) Karlova, Prague 1
- h) Kožná, Prague 1
- i) Malé náměstí, Prague 1
- j) Melantrichova, Prague 1
- k) Mostecká, Prague 1
- l) Náměstí Republiky, Prague 1, in the space defined in the north by building number 2090, the connection between houses no. 2090 and 1090, in the west by the frontage of house no. 1090 and its connection with Prašná brána, in the south by the mouth of Na příkopě, the buildings of building no. 3, 1037, the house without a house number adjacent to Hybernská, and in the east by building no. 1031 and the mouth of V celnici (excepting Saturdays and Sundays)
- m) Národní, Prague 1
- n) Na Perštýně, Prague 1
- o) Na příkopě, Prague 1
- p) Na můstku, Prague 1
- q) Ovocný trh, Prague 1
- r) Vodičkova, Prague 1
- s) Týnská, Prague 1
- t) Týnská ulička, Prague 1
- u) Wenceslaus Square, Prague 1, in the space between the mouth of Na příkopě and 28. října, Prague 1
- v) Zámecké schody, Prague 1, in the upper half from the entrance to Hradčanské náměstí up to the building at Zámecké schody no. 10
- w) Železná, Prague 1
- x) 28. října, Prague 1

(2) Busking in the form of acoustic production is also forbidden within 25 m of places where busking is forbidden in this form.

Section 6

Busking is forbidden in places where other events are taking place.³⁾

Section 7

Time of operation

Busking can be conducted in the period from 9:00 to 21:00.

Section 8

Acoustic productions

Busking in the form of acoustic production can be conducted at places located on the left bank of the Vltava during odd-numbered hours, while on the right bank such production can only be conducted during even-numbered hours. Production must always be stopped before the hour designated in the previous sentence has ended. Conducting busking on bridges over the Vltava and islands is possible at the same times as places on the left bank of the Vltava. The left and right banks of the Vltava are determined facing in the direction of the river's flow (downstream).

Section 9

(1) A busker may not take up a space of over 1.5 m² while busking.

(2) If multiple buskers are busking together, they may not take up a space of over 6 m² while busking.

(3) Musical instruments and other items serving to busk may only be placed on the roadway for the duration of the busking. After its completion such items must be removed from the roadway.

Section 10

Repealing provision

Decree No. 5/2013 Coll. of the City of Prague, on restrictive measures to protect local public order in connection with the operation of public street artistic production in public places, is hereby repealed.

Section 11

This decree takes effect 1 March 2016.

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1) Act No. 246/1992 Coll., on the protection of animals against cruelty, as amended.

2) Government Order No. 66/1971 Coll., on the conservation area in the City of Prague.

3) For example according to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., on the right to assemble, as amended, City of Prague Regulation No. 9/2011, establishing the market code, as amended.