

Decatur Buskers Program

We invite you to participate in bringing music, magic, dancing and fun to the streets of Decatur. Decatur's busker program encourages street performers and emerging artists to showcase their talents and contribute to a lively street culture in our community.



Decatur Arts Alliance
113 Clairemont Ave.
Decatur GA 30030

decaturationartsalliance.org



What is busking?

Busking is the activity of publicly performing for voluntary donations. Busking is a performative act, distinct from the sale of goods or services.

In the City of Decatur, acceptable entertainment includes, but is not limited to:

- Live singing or instrument playing
- Dance or movement
- Spoken word or comedy
- Street magic
- Portrait sketching

The Decatur Arts Alliance does not permit the following performance types:

- Fortune-telling, including tarot and palm reading
- DJ-ing or any non-live musical performance
- Tattooing or body-piercing services
- Acts that include weapons or fire
- Any material that is lewd or offensive in nature

Program Requirements

- A permit (which includes a photo of your face) is required to participate. Good news: it's free! Fill out the application provided here and email it with a clear photo of your face to busking@decaturationartsalliance.org OR deliver it in person to the Decatur Arts Alliance office at 113 Clairemont Ave. (Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm), and we'll take your photo there. You can also register online at decaturationartsalliance.org.
- Performers are required to renew their permit sticker monthly at the Decatur Arts Alliance office.

Program Guidelines

- Busking is permitted 10 am-10 pm in the approved zones, specified on the provided map.
- Performers must choose a site that does not obstruct pedestrian traffic and is at least 10 feet away from building entrances/exits, crosswalks, trash receptacles, and bike racks.
- If there's another performer nearby, make your separation at least 20 feet.
- Performers can collect tips in an open case or tip jar with a small sign, but may not directly solicit for payment.
- Buskers may set up one sign, up to 10" x 14", to identify themselves while performing.
- Amplified sound is not preferred, but is recognized as helpful for some performers. It is the duty of the busker to maintain the minimum performance volume necessary, so as to not disturb local businesses, pedestrians, or residences. Please see the notes below regarding this.

Important to Note

- **Performers must comply** with requests of any retail or restaurant owner/manager, police officer, City of Decatur personnel, or Decatur Arts Alliance representative regarding performance volume, location, or material.
- **The Decatur Arts Alliance and the City of Decatur reserve the right to revoke a busking permit** for any reason, including but not limited to instances of public disruption, noise violation, inappropriate material, or poor conduct.
- **Busking is never permitted at private, ticketed, or fenced events** (even if

Busker Permit Application

PERMIT CONDITIONS

- 1** The provided ID badge functions as a busking permit. Its public display is required during performances.
- 2** Buskers are required to retrieve an updated sticker monthly.
- 3** The permitted performer agrees to abide by all restrictions and limitations outlined in this application and acknowledges the possibility of permit revocation for failure to follow program guidelines.

Complete this application and email it to busking@decaturartsalliance.org along with a clear image of your face for identification purposes -OR- deliver it in person, 10 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday, and we will take your photo on site.



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PERFORMER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE (check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGING | <input type="checkbox"/> DANCE/MOVEMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAGIC | <input type="checkbox"/> STREET COMEDY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPOKEN WORD | <input type="checkbox"/> CARICATURE/ PORTRAIT SKETCH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSTRUMENT (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP ACT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) _____ | |

FURTHER DETAILS _____

NAME OF ACT (if applicable) _____

WILL YOU USE AMPLIFIED SOUND? YES NO

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD A BUSKING PERMIT FOR CITY OF DECATUR? YES NO

Hold Harmless Agreement

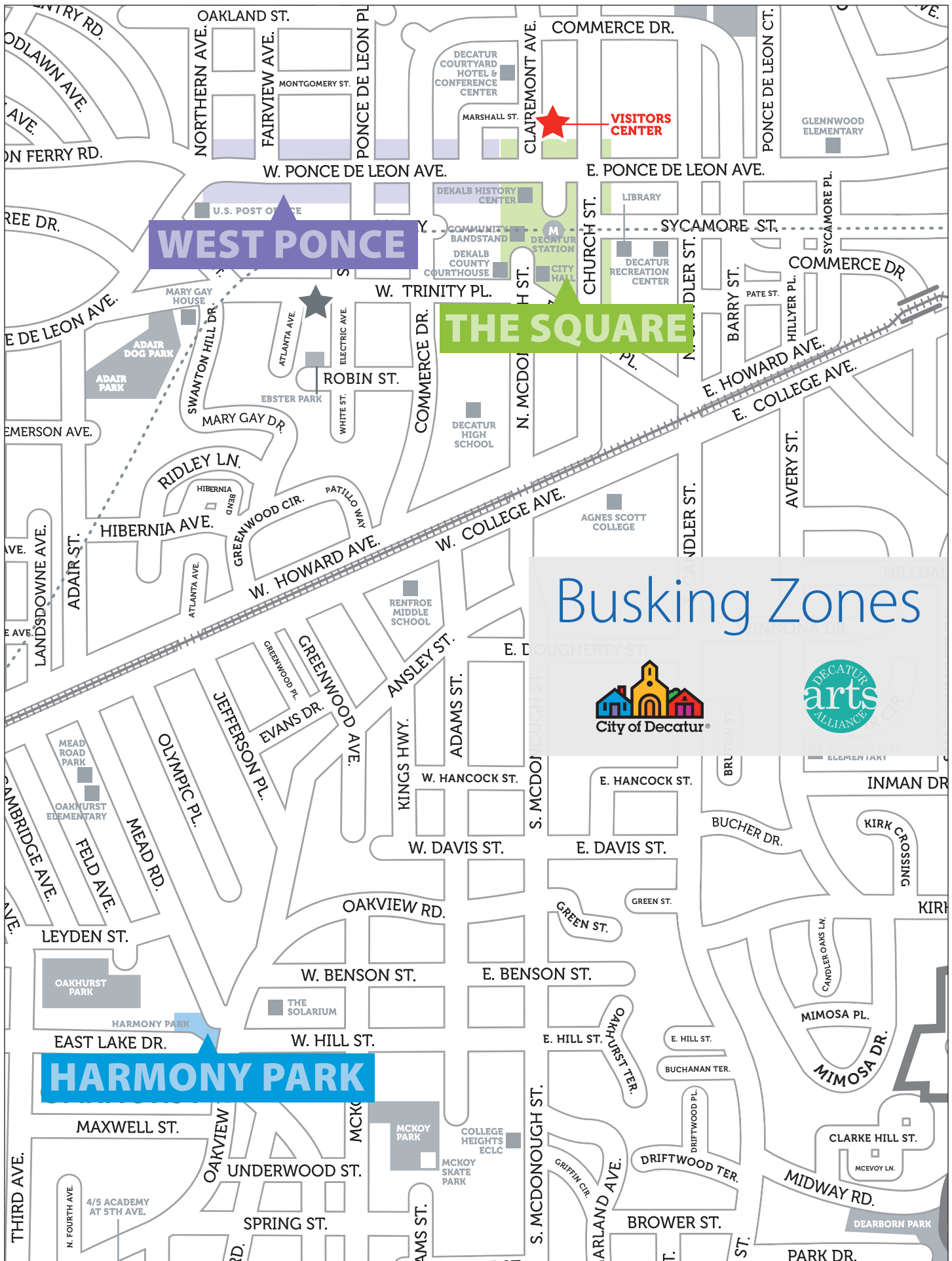
I, the undersigned applicant, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Decatur, its officers, employees, elected officials, and agents, from and against any and all damages, claims, causes of action, suits, demands, losses, liabilities, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees and disbursements) caused by, in connection with, arising out of, or resulting from the use of the permitted location, or any and all of acts of the applicant, his or her partners, employees, officers, and/or agents, done in connection with or in furtherance of this application and/or permit.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

Program Terms and Restrictions

I, the undersigned applicant, have read and agree to abide by the specific terms and restrictions of this program. I recognize and accept the right of the Decatur Arts Alliance and/or the City of Decatur to revoke this permit at any time for any reason.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____



Busking Zones