Introduced June 12, 2001, by Councilman Cerny, seconded by Council Members Washington, Livaudais

Item No. 01-06-2224

ORDINANCE NO. 3012

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 8, Businesses, to add a new Article IV Public Performers.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to add regulations for Public Performers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Businesses, as follows:

"ARTICLE IV. PUBLIC PERFORMERS

Sec. 8-72. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Director means the Director of Cultural and Public Affairs.

Perform, performing or performance means any of the following when conducted to attract the attention of any person: singing, dancing, miming, reciting, acting, juggling, puppeteering, demonstrating magic, creating tangible art, or playing music including drumming and other percussions, or any other similar act or demonstration.

Permit means a permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

Performer means any person engaged in performing.

Permitted location means Griffith Park.

Sec. 8-73. Permit required.

Every Public Performer shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) No person shall perform on any public property except for the permitted location and then only after obtaining a permit.
- (2) The Director shall be responsible for issuance of permits.
- (3) A completed permit application shall contain the applicant's name, address, telephone number, signature and description of the performance. A \$25.00 fee shall be submitted with each application.

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- (4) Permits shall be valid until December 31 of each year.
- (5) Permits shall not be transferable.
- (6) A copy of this Article shall be given to each permittee.
- (7) Performers shall carry or display the permit at all times while performing.

Sec. 8-74. Regulations.

Every Public Performer shall comply with the following regulations:

- (1) The Director, with the assistance of the Director of Recreation, shall designate the area within the permitted location to which each permit applies.
- (2) A performer may perform only within the designated area and only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
- (3) A performer may not block the passage of the public through a public area.

 If a sufficient crowd gathers to see or hear a performer such that the passage of the public through a public area is blocked, a police officer may disperse that portion of the crowd that is blocking the passage of the public.
- (4) A performer may not perform in a public area so as to obstruct access to private property, except with the prior consent of the owner or manager of the property.
- (5) A performer may not use electric or electronic amplification except for devices powered only by self-contained batteries. The conduct and behavior of all performers shall comply in all respects with existing noise ordinances.
- (6) All performers shall be moved, all performance equipment or paraphernalia shall be removed, and all litter associated with any performance shall be removed immediately after the end of the performance.

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- (7) No performances shall occur during Christmas Under The Stars, Heritage Festival, Arts Evening, Olde Towne Antique Fair (Street Fair) Brown Bag Concerts and any other City-recognized special event without the express consent of the sponsor of the special event.
- (8) No performer or group of performers shall perform at a distance of less than25 feet from another the area designated by the Director under subsection(1) of this section.

Sec. 8-75. Contributions.

- (1) A performer may accept contributions of money or property at a performance. Contributions may be received in any receptacle. Performers may accept contributions in exchange for representations of their own work.
- (2) A performer who performs under the provisions of this chapter shall not be guilty of disturbing the peace under Sec. 11-190 unless it is determined by a police officer that such a performance is not in the spirit of entertainment but rather calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

Sec. 8-76. Revocation.

The Director may revoke any permit issued under this article if the permittee violates any provision of this Article.

Sec. 8-77. Effective date.

This Article shall be effective for three (3) years after its adoption."

ADOPTED this 10th day of عاليال, 2001.

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