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# Paying to play on streets of Kamloops?

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The City of Kamloops is working on a new policy to regulate who can and cannot perform on the streets.

Under the proposed rules, a homeless person playing guitar for change could be moved along by bylaw officers, while pre-vetted, permit-holding performers would be given an audience.

The street performer policy is being examined in the wake of last year's inaugural International Buskers Festival, which will return to Kamloops

The festival features performers. including acrobats, magicians and musicians, in the downtown core,

City events supervisor Sean Smith said the Kamloops Arts Council wants street performers differentiated from panhandlers.

"The idea is to have the arts council vet the applications from performers," Smith said, noting the proposal has performers paying a Kamloops Arts Council membership fee of \$30, in

addition to a \$10 street-performing fee. Vetted performers would then be given identification proving they have met the requirements of Kamloops Arts

"Then, when they are out on the street performing and not just panhandling, bylaws officers will be able to distinguish those who are acceptable or not and it just keeps policing and enforcement of it a little more streamlined." Smith said. "It also encourages high quality of street performers to take up the trade on our streets, giving some ambience and atmosphere on downtown streets."

The city's business licence and regulation bylaw allows sidewalk artists
— any person producing and selling paintings and drawings on the sidewalk - but makes no mention of street performers or buskers.

In fact, the city has no policy or bylaw to promote, regulate or enforce street performing.

The proposed new rules, which are in the draft stage, would require permits by "everyone performing on city streets.

Under the proposed news rules, permits would need to be displayed at all times and would be valid from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, limited to one hour at any one location.

Park performances would be allowed during hours parks are open to the public.

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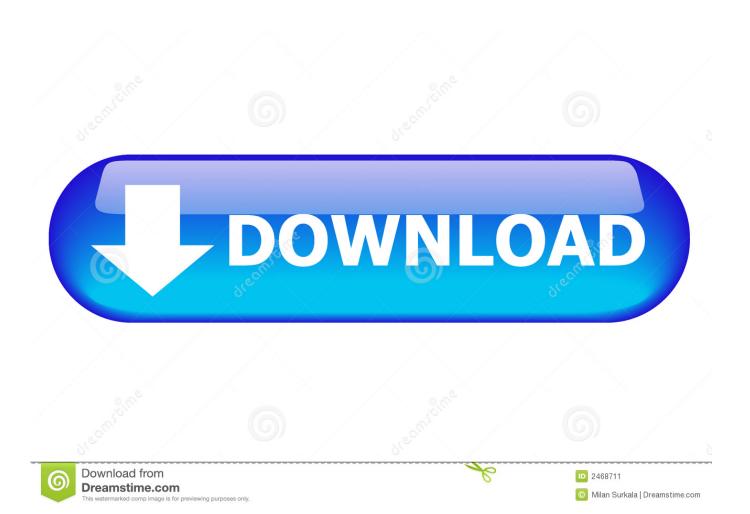
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