

Street music regulations



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Street music (musical performances on public streets, paths, green areas and squares in the city centre) is appreciated by both guests and the citizens of our city. It contributes to a vibrant, diverse atmosphere, particularly in the centre of Leipzig.

However, for residents, traders and businesspeople as well as the employees of offices and institutions the music quickly becomes a burden if the performance is too loud or stays in one place for an excessive period of time.

Street music is only regarded as a pleasant enrichment where it is performed within prescribed regulations. The authority of public order has therefore compiled a series of questions and answers regarding street music, which may be of interest for you as a musician.

Key questions and answers

When does performing music require authorisation, when not?

Pursuant to § 5 paragraph 1 number 4 of the by-laws of the City of Leipzig regarding authorisation and fees for the special use of public streets, paths and squares ([Sondernutzungssatzung, PDF 198 KB](#)) street music only requires no authorisation where the following requirements are satisfied:

- You do not use an electronic amplifier.
- You remain a maximum of 30 minutes in one location in pedestrian areas, on pavements or in green areas.

The use of amplifiers is only permissible for musical instruments that clearly require an amplifier due to their construction (for example keyboard, electric guitar), and only up to a maximum output of 20 watts. However, in this case use of the amplifier requires a **permit**.

Where can I apply for a special use permit for amplifiers?

The special use permit can be applied for at the authority of public order (Ordnungsamt), events office ([Veranstaltungsstelle](#)). The special use permit is subject to terms, conditions and fees.

When is a special use rejected or prohibited?

Where the requirements of traffic, public safety and order or the implementation of other measures in the public interest require this.

What is prohibited and what should attention be paid to?

§ 8 of the police bye-laws regarding public safety and order of the City of Leipzig ([PoIVO, PDF 95 KB](#)) applies. According to this, the following rules apply:

- Street music may not result in inconvenience for residents or passers-by. Moreover, disturbance may not be caused to church services, school lessons and the peaceful atmosphere of hospitals, homes for the elderly and other institutions worthy of protection.
- Performances are permitted up to a maximum duration of 30 minutes. Afterwards there is a requirement to change to a location at least 200 metres away.
- Street music is only permitted in the time from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily. Street music is prohibited on Good Friday, on the Day of Repentance, on Remembrance Day and on the Sunday before Advent.

Who monitors observance of the regulations?

The [police](#) and the [authority of public order](#) carry out checks. Their instructions are to be followed. Infringements may result in bans and further consequences.

What are the consequences of infringement?

Pursuant to § 52 of the Saxon Roads Act ([SächsStrG](#)), persons using a public street contrary to the special use bye-laws or making special use of a public street are acting contrary to regulations.

The regulatory offence may be punished with a fine of up to 500 euros.

Breaches of § 8 of the police bye-laws regarding public safety and order of the City of Leipzig ([PoIVO, PDF 95 KB](#)) may be punished with a fine of up to 1,000 euros pursuant to § 19 paragraph 2 of the police bye-laws.

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