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LOITERING AND TRESPASSING

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- No person may stand in a public place in a way that obstructs a sidewalk or impedes the free movement of pedestrians, including blocking access to a business. [Secs. 5-2-16 and 13-1-24(a)]
- No person may remain in a building open to the public or the immediately adjacent property after being asked to leave by a person in charge or a police officer. [Sec. 13-1-24(e)]
- No person may enter or remain on someone else's property after being told by a person in charge not to, or in violation of a posted sign. Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor. [Sec. 13-1-33(a)]

ENFORCEMENT

- **The Alexandria Police Department is responsible for enforcing the above described rules and regulations and will make every effort to work with performers to obtain voluntary compliance.** If voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, the police will act accordingly depending on the violation.
- If violation of the City's noise ordinances continues after verbal instructions by a police officer, the violator may be issued a written notice of violation with a civil penalty of \$50. [Sec. 11-5-12(a)]
- If a person cited with a civil violation knowingly refuses or neglects to comply, the action may constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor (a crime), and a police officer may issue a criminal summons or make an arrest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- This summary is intended to provide an overview of the major regulations applicable to street performances, and does not include every pertinent detail or type of noise. The references in brackets are to applicable sections of City Code.
- For detailed information about the City's noise ordinances, including links to the City Code, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/Noise.
- For questions about the City's noise ordinances, please contact the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES), Office of Environmental Quality, at 703.746.4076 or 703.746.4181, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- For all other questions, please call 703.746.HELP (4357) or visit www.alexandriava.gov/CallClickConnect.

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