

Rules for Downtown Santa Cruz

(a snapshot of local ordinances)

Selling Things on the Sidewalk

- With a City permit only

Groups on the Sidewalk (politics, religion, charity, civic)

- One hour only (and then move 100')
- 10' away from
 - Buildings
 - Street corners
 - Fences
 - Sidewalk cafés (and not between curb & outdoor eating area)
 - Benches
 - Directories
 - Drinking fountains
 - Public trash receptacles
 - Sculptures
 - Payphones
- Unless they have a City permit
- Or they are inside the brass markers around Tom Scribner statue (by the Bookshop Santa Cruz) or the sculpture in front of O'Neill's

Street Performers

- If collecting donations, follow the "Group" rules, above (1 hour rule applies)
- No amplified sound without a permit
- Otherwise, may perform freely downtown

Handing Things Out (brochures, flyers)

- Ok, if the person is not blocking you or others

Forbidden Activities on the Sidewalks

- Bicycling
- Walking a dog
- Drinking alcohol
- Skateboarding/Rollerskating
- Frisbees/hacksacks/other airborne playthings
- Chalking
- Lying down (includes benches, planters, public property)

Sitting on Park Benches

- Limited to one hour (you must make a complaint)

Time Allowed in Parking Lots and Garages

- 15 minutes maximum

Panhandling Rules

- Always prohibited:
 - After dark
 - In groups of 2 or more people
 - 50' or closer to an ATM
 - While sitting/leaning on a bench, planter, monument, or public property
 - In a bus or a vehicle
 - At a bus stop
 - On private property (without permission)
 - Panhandling *while*
 - Under the influence of drugs or alcohol
 - Using foul language
 - Getting too close (3' or less)
 - In groups of 2 or more
 - Using false stories to get money
 - Following you
- Allowed, if
 - 14' away from:
 - Buildings
 - Street corners
 - Fences
 - Cafes or kiosks
 - Benches
 - Directories
 - Drinking fountains
 - Public trash compactors
 - Sculptures
 - Pay phones
 - 50' away from:
 - Banks
 - ATM's
 - Change machines