

**Parsons, Susan****From:** Buddy Bee Anthony [bestufus8@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 11:10 AM**To:** Parsons, Susan**Subject:** Re: Communication request July 11

Hi Susan, there seems to be a loophole in our city ordinance that is causing me damage.

I am a street performer. I play the electric piano. I cannot very well bring a real piano on the streets because of weight restrictions.

Due to the advances in technology, they have very light, and portable models. I have been a street musician here almost 11 years.

Since, there is no license for street musicians and since I try to follow the Portland Partnership with Street Musicians, I fall under an obscure law that says you can't play amplified electrical sound equipment. I make music, not noise.

I can't believe that the music I make is equivalent to a loud boom box being blasted which I think perhaps the law was meant to discourage. I have been playing and entertaining alot of folks here for a long time. Every so often, I get ticketed for this infraction by an officer.

I usually get a warning to move on or turn down the volume. On the 13th Of June, I just got a ticket and my instrument was seized like it was a weapon of some kind. It was very shocking and shaming to me.

The conundrum I face, is if I don't turn the "on" button on, then no sound comes out of my instrument. I don't play the guitar, the horn, or the bucket drums. I have worked very hard at my craft and am hoping the council will be able to amend this glitch I am facing so I can continue to amuse and entertain folks with the talents and abilities I continue to accrue. I don't want to have to look over my shoulder now or in the future like a criminal to pursue my happiness. I am 54 years old, and playing music like I do, is how I connect to our community. Portland is an art friendly place. I have no problem with the police doing their job. However, music is my heart and soul, and confiscating my instruement is akin to ripping my guts out.

I don't have the ordinance number available to quote to you. I have had this charge 3 times in 11 years. There seems to be an uptick in the enforcement downtown for this charge. I want council to review this and perhaps give an exemption to me and other developing artists who enhance the downtown corridor with their musical contributions.

Thank you

Most sincerely

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Request of G. Buddy Bercu to address Council regarding street performing with amplified electrical sound (Communication)

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