

STREET TRADING

Notes for Applicants and Consent Holders

Introduction

The Council has adopted Section 3 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and has designated the whole of the Parishes of Swanage and Wareham as Consent Streets. This means that Street Trading is **prohibited** without the consent of the Council first having been obtained. It should be noted that the definition of "street" is any land to which members of the public have access. This will include, for example, recreation grounds, beaches, areas of public open space and shopping precincts.

Landowners

A Street Trading Consent issued by the Council does **not** give consent to use land, other than land forming part of the highway, for trading. A separate consent will be required from the owner of any other land. For example, in Swanage the central beach is owned by the Swanage Town Council, and the land at the Mowlem Centre is owned by the Mowlem Trust. Similarly in Wareham the Rempstone Shopping Precinct is owned by Sainsbury's

Consent

An application for a Street Trading Consent should be submitted on the enclosed application form at least **28 days** before Street Trading is intended to start. The application form must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, two passport sized photographs of the applicant or the person intending to trade, and evidence of Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million. Additionally a map or drawing that identifies the site or area for which trading consent is required must be submitted.

Consultation

Upon receipt of an application the District Council will consult with the Police, Dorset County Council as Highways Authority, the appropriate Town or Parish Council, the relevant Chamber of Trade, and the Council's Environmental Services Manager.

Approval

Approval may be granted by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services where, following consultation, he is satisfied that the Consent applied for would:

- enhance both the street scene and the trading opportunities in the town.
- not cause obstruction of any highways, including footways,
- not be detrimental to existing traders in the town.

Type of Goods

Subject to the previous paragraph, there is no restriction on the type of goods that may be traded. However, the following rules must be observed:

- all goods offered for sale shall be of good, merchantable quality and be offered at reasonable prices,
- the prices of all goods shall be clearly stated on an attached price tag, or price list displayed on the sales unit,
- any services offered for sale, such as hair braiding or face painting, shall be provided only by persons suitably qualified to offer that service.

Fees

The Consent Fees for the period April 2016 to March 2017 are:

1 day	£190
1 week	£330
1 month	£660
Seasonal (June to September)	£2,250
Annual	£3,400

Charitable Events

Street Trading taking place as part of an organised and mainly charitable event will require a Consent Licence to be held by the organisation or charity concerned. Such organisation or charity however, is exempt from the payment of a fee.

Minimum Age

A Street Trading Consent will not be granted to a person under the age of 17 years.

Environmental Health

The holder of a Consent, and any person employed by the holder, shall at all times comply with any requirement made by the Council's Public Health Team Manager.

Police

The holder of a Consent, and any person employed by the holder, shall at all times comply with any requirement made by a police officer, particularly in regard to footway obstruction, litter, noise or other nuisance.

Advertisements

The holder of a Consent shall not display any free-standing form of advertisement.

Location

Street Trading is only permitted at the location, and from the portable stall, identified in the Consent.

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displayed at all times.

Revocation

In the event that the Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services is satisfied that there has been a breach of any of the terms and conditions as above or that may apply to a particular Consent, or that any of the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 have not been complied with, the Manager may without notice revoke a Consent.

Unauthorised Street Trading

Trading in a street without being the holder of a valid Consent, is a criminal offence, and upon conviction may result in a fine of up to £400.

Enquiries

Any enquiries about Street Trading should be addressed to:

Licensing Department
Purbeck District Council
Westport House
Worgret Road
Wareham
Dorset
BH20 4PP

(Telephone 01929 556561)