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To: Lazar, Howard <howard.lazar@sfgov.org>; soft <soft@adgov.org>; rebecka.krell <rebecka.krell@sfgov.org>;
cynthia.goldman <cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org>; catharine.barnes <catharine.barnes@sfgov.org>; victor.pacheco
<victor.pacheco@sfgov.org>; nick.gregaratos <nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org>

Subject: Re: Possible waiver of 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist certificate

Date: Wed, Nov 28, 2012 4:12 pm

You need to give an appointment time to pay this permit.
You don't answer the phone. Don't respond to emails.
I went there 4 times and no one was there. I am no
longer answering your emails. I don't have time time
or the patience to repeat the same thing over and over.

On Nov 28, 2012, at 2:40 PM, "Lazar, Howard" <howard.lazar@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datesh:

In the event that the Arts Commission does not approve your request, I would at that time have to
consult with the City Attorney in order to be able to answer your question.

Sincerely,

Howard Lazar
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From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 2:30 PM

To: Lazar, Howard; SOTF; Barnes, Catharine; cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org;
victor.pacheco@sfgov.org; paula.jesson@sfgov.org; nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org

Subject: Re: Possible waiver of 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist certificate

What is the next step if it is not approved?

On Nov 28, 2012, at 2:27 PM, "Lazar, Howard" <howard.lazar@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datesh:

In order for you to find out the results of the December 3rd meeting with respect to
your request for waiver of the 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist
certificate, please feel free to either telephone or e-mail me the next morning,
December 4th, and I will reply to you.

Should the Arts Commission approve your request, you will be required - as I have
stated in my November 21st e-mail response to you - to furnish the Street Artists
Program staff with (1) a copy of a valid State Seller's permit issued by the California
Board of Equalization, (2) a copy of a valid Business Tax Registration document
issued by the San Francisco Tax Collector's Office, and (3) a check or money order

for either \$166.02 for a 3-month certificate or \$664.08 for a 1-year certificate, in order for you to obtain a street artist certificate.

The hours of December 4th during which the Street Artists Program will be available to certify you are as follows: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (The Program will not be available during 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. due to Arts Commission full staff meeting.)

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From: pdates [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:30 AM

To: Lazar, Howard; SOTF; Barnes, Catharine; paula.jesson@sfgov.org; rebecka.krell@sfgov.org; nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org; victor.pacheo@sfgov.org; cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org

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And how am I going to know what the results of the Full Commission Meeting was? You don't post the minutes until 6 weeks after the event. This is in violation of Article 67 of the Sunshine Ordinance. I have consistently told you, you have 10 business days to post on the Internet.

You do not respond to emails. You do not pick up the phone? In turn, you say I am harassing people there who I don't know. 12 years of this is enough.

Explain how I am going to be notified of the results of the Full Commission Meeting in Dec. give an appointment time for the following day when I can be in and out (10 minutes) to get this permit.

On Nov 28, 2012, at 10:10 AM, "Lazar, Howard"
<howard.lazar@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datesh:

I did not until now receive this question from you. The answer is that you are not required to be at the meeting.

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From: pdates [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 10:02 AM

To: Lazar, Howard; soft@adgov.org; rebecka.krell@sfgov.org; Barnes, Catharine; paula_jesson@sfgov.org; nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org; victor.pacheo@sfgov.org; cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org

Subject: Re: Possible waiver of 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist certificate

AGAIN,, you have not answered the same question sent via email for 2 week:

DO I NEED TO BE AT THIS MEETiNG?

Reminding you AGAIN, the Article 24 of the San Francisco Police Code does mention your unwritten rules.

Reminding you AGAIN, the Bluebook may cover these issues. Since it is out of date and out of print-I can not verify that. You have not posted it on your web site and therefore not in the public domain.

Reminding you AGAIN, I went there 4 times to pay the permit. The day after the screening. No one was there. The following week-no one was there. I walked into the back and someone called the guard downstairs on me. I was just told,"I will pass it along".

The last time, U called beforehand. No one picked up the phone. I waited for over 10 minutes web Alyssa picked up the phone when I was in front of her. I walked out saying, "I had a car double parked". Since you refused to communicate, Rebeka Krell walked in. I waited in the hallway. Didn't understand what she said. Called her later. Was told I would get an email.

Your email doesn't answer the question.

AGAIN, either issue the permit or send a denial letter.

Again, you do not respond to emails or phone calls.

On Nov 28, 2012, at 9:38 AM, "Lazar, Howard" <howard.lazar@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datesh:

It is our understanding that you are asking again about the procedure involved in obtaining your street artist certificate through a waiver of the 15-day requirement in obtaining the certificate. Please see the full explanation (in the second e-mail below) which was sent to you by e-mail on November 21st. The explanation acknowledges your having exceeded by 1 day the 15 days allotted to all applicants to purchase their certificate after their wares have been examined and approved. Our e-mail also requested you to inform us in writing by November 27th if you still wished to obtain your certificate "so that your name may be placed on the agenda of the full Arts Commission meeting of December 3" for the Commission to consider approving "a waiver of the 15-day requirement for you."

On the same day, November 21st, you replied to us by e-mail of your intent to obtain your certificate. You stated (in the first e-mail below): "... Put my name on the convent calandrar for Dec. 3 2012z ...". We understand that your words "convent calandrar" were misspellings of "consent calendar". We therefore have placed your request on the December 3rd agenda. It is placed not as a Consent Calendar item because it was not previously heard by committee. It is placed as an item under the Street Artists Committee report, and it states: "Motion to approve request by applicant for waiver of 15-day requirement for obtaining a certificate: Paula Datesh."

Sincerely,

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Street Artists Program Director

Begin forwarded message:

From: pdates [REDACTED]
Date: November 21, 2012, 2:09:11 PM PST
To: "Lazar, Howard" <howard.lazar@sfgov.org>, adine.varah@sfgov.org, catharine.barnes@sfgov.org, rebecka.krell@sfgov.org, sotf@sfgov.org, "nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org" <nick.gregaratos@sfgov.org>, victor.pacheo@sfgov.org, cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org
Subject: Re: Possible waiver of 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist certificate

As I said in a phone conversation of Rebeka Krell yesterday-
Put my name on the convent calandar for Dec. 3 2012z
Since you refused to communicate- I spent the remainder
of the day int the City Attorney's Office. Your temper tantrums are affecting my health and costing me time and money.

On Nov 21, 2012, at 1:25 PM, "Lazar, Howard" <howard.lazar@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datesh:

Applicants for street artist certificates, after their wares are examined and approved, have 15 work days to purchase their certificate. This is to inform you that you exceeded the 15-day requirement: your last day to purchase a certificate was Friday, November 16.

Applicants who exceed the 15-day requirement and who still wish to obtain a certificate may submit their names for Arts Commission approval of a waiver of the 15-day requirement for them. Should you wish to obtain a

certificate, **please inform us of this in writing by next Tuesday, November 27**, so that your name may be placed on the agenda of the full Arts Commission meeting of December 3. Should the Arts Commission approve a waiver of the 15-day requirement for you, you would be able to purchase a certificate on December 4 at the Street Artists Program office. You would be required to bring a copy of a valid California Seller's Permit, a copy of a valid San Francisco Business Tax Registration Certificate, and a check or money order for \$166.02 (for a 3-month certificate) or \$664.08 (for a 1-year certificate).

Please inform us by Tuesday, November 27, as to whether you wish to request a waiver of the 15-day requirement to purchase a certificate. **If you do not request the waiver by Tuesday, November 27th, your name will not be on the agenda of the Arts Commission's meeting of December 3.**

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From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>

To: victor.pacheo <victor.pacheo@sfgov.org>; cynthia.goldman <cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org>

Subject: Fwd:

Date: Mon, Nov 26, 2012 5:25 pm

Begin forwarded message:

From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>

Date: November 26, 2012, 5:23:25 PM PST

To: rebecka.krell@sfgov.org, adine.varah@sfgov.org, catharine.barnes@sfgov.org,
paula.jesson@sfgov.org, sotf@sfgov.org

This email is to confirm that I was able to get Adine Varah on the phone today. I asked if I need to be at some meeting this coming Monday. She said, "I will let them know you called". Again, I do not know what she is talking about.

You need to explain the next step. I do not have either the time or patience for this run around. The Street Artist Program never picked up the phone. Lazar doesn't respond to emails.

From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>
To: soft <soft@adgov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Do I have to be at the meeting next Monday?
Date: Mon, Nov 26, 2012 10:35 am

Begin forwarded message:

From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 26, 2012, 10:30:54 AM PST
To: "rebekah.krell@sfgov.org" <rebekah.krell@sfgov.org>, adine.varah@sfgov.org,
catharine.barnes@sfgov.org, victor.pacheo@sfgov.org, cynthia.goldman@sfgov.org,
paula.jesson@sfgov.org
Subject: Do I have to be at the meeting next Monday?

Rebekah:

I explained to you last week, when I was in your office that Howard Lazar has always refused to communicate. In years past when I got him on the phone to answer a question, he refused to answer and instead used the call to scream something and hang up.

Last week, you happened to be there when Lazar again refused to communicate. Several more calls and emails resulted from that.

I am not going to call. I will not get an answer. I am not going to email. I will not get an answer. I am not going to call Alyssia. It is always, "I will pass it along". Never an answer. I am not going to go there. Will not get an answer. Lazar tactics of saying I am harassing people there are annoying.

Do I need to be at this meeting next week?

Paula

From: Lazar, Howard <howard.lazar@sfgov.org>
To: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Rebekah <Krell@sfgov.org>; Alyssa <Licouris@sfgov.org>
Subject: Possible waiver of 15-day requirement in obtaining a street artist certificate
Date: Wed, Nov 21, 2012 1:25 pm

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From: pdatesh <[REDACTED]>
To: barbara <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: November 19, 2012
Date: Tue, Nov 20, 2012 9:03 am

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paula Datesh <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 19, 2012, 2:08:11 PM PST
To: sotf@sfgov.org, cynthia.goldstein@sfgov.org, victor.pacheco@sfgov.org,
adiine.varah@sfgov.org, catharine.barnes@sfgov.org, Howard.lazar@sfgov.org, sharon.page-richie@sfgov.org, jill.manton@sfgov.org, Nick.Gregoratos@sfgov.org, rebakah.krell@sfgov.org,
paula_jesson@sfgov.org
Subject: November 19, 2012

This email serves to memorialize the events of 11/19/12 at about 9:30am. I no longer call 415-252-2581 as it is clear that the calls are screened. I went to the front desk to pay for the Street Artist permit and submit the paperwork. The girl behind the desk picked up the phone and forced me to wait for about 10 minutes. I said I didn't have time to wait and to put the call on hold.

I walked out. In the hallway, Rebeka Krell was entering the offices. I explained the issue. She said she would find out what was going on. I said I felt uncomfortable and would wait in the hallway. She came out saying something that I did not understand. She said lazar refused to talk to her.

Either provide an explanation for your mistake of today; issue a denial letter or issue the permit.

Paula Datesh

From: Paula Datesh <[REDACTED]>

To: howard.lazar <howard.lazar@sfgov.com>; alyssa.licouris <alyssa.licouris@sfgov.org>; sotf <sotf@sfgov.org>

Subject: October 26, 2012

Date: Fri, Oct 26, 2012 6:50 pm

This is to memorialize this afternoon when I stopped you on the sidewalk at the Embarcadero near the BART station.

I asked you two questions:

1. What are you doing about enforcement in the street?
I pointed to the many unlicensed vendors. I did not get an answer from you. Instead you wanted to whine about events in other parts of the city that I have nothing to do with.
2. Did you budget for enforcement during the holiday season?
You did not answer the question and talked about some impression I made on some committee.

Not only have you NEVER answered a direct question, you have taken the opportunity to change the subject and walk away. I have no interest in the Street Artist Program and find your management style to be strange and annoying.

Paula Datesh