Guidance Note on Lion / Dragon / Unicorn Dance Permit Application
A Guide to the Section 4C of Summary Offences Ordinance, Cap. 228

CAUTION

These notes have been prepared by the Commissioner of Police for the guidance of persons wishing to hold a lion / dragon / unicorn dance performance in public place. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure their accuracy, anyone in doubt should seek professional advice. The notes do not in any way absolve any person from any provisions of the Ordinance.

These notes relate only to the requirements to be met by the applicant under the Summary Offence Ordinance and nothing else.

NOTHING IN THESE NOTES SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS COMMITTING THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION

Each application is considered and determined upon its own individual merits.

Relevant Law

- Section 4C(1) of the Summary Offences Ordinance, Cap. 228 provides that no person shall organize or participate in a lion/dragon/unicorn dance ("lion dance"), or any attendant martial arts display, in a public place, save under and in accordance with the conditions of any such general or special permit as the Commissioner of Police in his absolute discretion may issue.
Application of Lion Dance Permit

- An applicant for a lion dance permit shall complete an application form (available at local police station or on the Police Public Website at https://www.police.gov.hk/ppp_en/11_useful_info/licences/poess.html ) and send it to the local Police Station for processing.

Points to Note on Application

- Upon the completion of the application form, the applicant shall prepare relevant documents for reference. For example, if the organization is registered as a Company or a Society, etc, relevant certificate is required;
- If the Lion Dance is to be held in the common area of a private property/building, where the organizer obtained the approval from the owner/management concerned, detail of the approval and documentary proof shall be provided;
- The names, sex and HK Identity Card number of every participant must be included on the list of participants attached to the application form with two copies of the participants list submitted;
- In addition, photocopy of the photo-side only of the organizer’s and each participant’s Hong Kong Identity Card must be attached to the application form. However, one can present one’s Hong Kong Identity Card in person instead.

Force’s Performance Pledge

- Presently the Police Performance Pledge for processing lion dance applications is 14 working days;
- Any delay in the submission of the application form or incompletion of the application form required, including the failure to furnish relevant information/documents or participants' details, will lead to the application not being processed in time.

Enquiries

- You may approach the Duty Officer concerned to enquire about the application procedure of Lion Dance Permit or requirements on event arrangement;
- You may also call the Public Order Event Support Section, Police Licensing Office on 2860 6551 for further information about Lion Dance policy matters.