

Solicitors Ordinance

Chapter I

Solicitors

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Sec. 1 Definition.

The term "solicitor" shall mean a person who goes from door to door visiting multi-family or single family dwellings for the following purposes:

- (a) To sell any goods, wares, merchandise or services or accept subscriptions or orders therefor.
- (b) To accept or request donations for any charitable purpose.

Sec. 2 Registration required.

All persons, before entering into or upon a residential premises within the Town of Strasburg for the purpose of soliciting, shall register with the Strasburg Police Department and furnish the following:

- (a) The name, local and permanent addresses, age, race, weight, height, color of hair and eyes and any other distinguishing physical characteristics of the applicant.
- (b) The nature or purpose for which solicitations will be made and the nature of the goods, wares, merchandise and services offered for sale.
- (c) The name and permanent address of the employer or organization represented.
- (d) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor, and if so, the nature of the offense, when and where convicted and the penalty or punishment assessed therefor.
- (e) The applicant, by signing the application for said solicitors permit, shall give the Chief of Police his/her date of birth and social security number with the understanding that the Chief of Police may use this to check

the central criminal records exchange to determine the criminal record, if any, of the applicant for said permit.

Sec. 3 Issuance of permit

Upon furnishing the information required under section 2, the applicant shall be issued a permit, unless the information furnished in compliance with this chapter shows that the applicant has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. A permit issued under this ordinance shall be valid for the remaining period of the calendar year in which the permit was issued. Any permit so issued by the Town shall have a photograph of the solicitor on the permit and shall state the term of the validity of the permit and the solicitor shall display such permit on his or her person in plain view at all times while engaged in soliciting and shall allow such permit to be inspected by any person, if demand be made, for such inspection while the person is engaged in soliciting.

Sec. 4 Fee

Upon application, a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 dollars shall be paid to the Town of Strasburg to cover the cost of investigation and processing of the application. An additional fee of \$25.00 shall be paid to the Town of Strasburg upon issuance of the permit.

Sec. 5 Prohibited acts.

No person shall:

- (a) Enter into or upon a residential premise in the Town of Strasburg under false pretenses to solicit for any purpose or for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or services.
- (b) Remain in or on any residential premises after the owner or occupant has requested any such person to leave.
- (c) Enter upon any residential premises for soliciting when the owner or occupant has displayed a "No Soliciting" sign on such premises.
- (d) Engage in the practice of soliciting in the Town of Strasburg without a permit as provided for in this chapter.
- (e) Knowingly give false information or withhold correct information in obtaining a permit.

Sec. 6 Exceptions

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

- (a) Persons, corporations, firms or business combinations duly licensed to do business in the Town of Strasburg.
- (b) Governmental agencies of the state or federal government.
- (c) Any person who visits any residence or apartment at the request or

- invitation of the owner or occupant thereof.
- (d) To members of any non-profit, civic or charitable organization who have an approved means of identification provided by such organization.
 - (e) Newsboys soliciting subscriptions to any newspaper for home delivery within the Town of Strasburg.
 - (f) Route deliverymen who make deliveries at least once a week to regular customers and whose solicitation is only incidental to their regular deliveries.
 - (g) A farmer or producer of agricultural or nursery products who sells only the farm or agricultural products or nursery products produced or grown by him.
 - (h) Any person licensed under the Section 38.2 of the Code of Virginia.
 - (i) A distributor or vendor of seafood who catches seafood and sells only seafood caught by him.

Sec. 7 Penalties

If any person violates any provision of this ordinance such person shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor which shall be punishable by confinement in jail for not more than twelve (12) months and a fine of not more than twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.) dollars, either or both

Strasburg Police Department
Application for Solicitation in the Town of Strasburg

Company Information – Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Nature of purpose for solicitation _____

Type of goods, wares, merchandise, and/or services offered _____

Solicitor Information – Name: _____

Sex _____ Social Security Number _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____ Race _____

Driver's License Number _____ Driver's License State' _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Eye Color _____ Hair Color _____

Solicitor's Permanent Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, or entered the pleas of no contendre to the violation of any municipal, state, federal, or other criminal law? _____
If yes, list the offense(s), date(s) of occurrence, and disposition of each offense.

Vehicle Information – Give the following information on the vehicle you will be operating when doing your soliciting.

State _____ License Number _____ Make _____ Model _____

VIN# _____ Color _____

Vehicle Owner _____

Owner's Permanent Address _____

Owner's Telephone Number _____

Signature of Solicitor _____

Background Check by _____ Date _____

Approved or Denied If denied, give reason: _____

