

Commercial Peddlers and Solicitors



Many legitimate organizations go door-to-door to sell their products or ask for donations, but there are always a few “enterprising” individuals whose goals are less than honorable. There are a number of city ordinances regulating the activities of peddlers and solicitors.

- ◆ Commercial peddlers and solicitors must obtain a license and be able to show that license to customers.
- ◆ Charitable solicitors must wear an identification badge with their name, the organization represented, and the organization’s solicitation permit number.

When peddlers or solicitors come to your door, ask to see the license or ID badge . If the person is not able to produce the license or ID badge, call 911 and report the violation.

Tape this near your front door for easy referral:

Peddler:

Peddlers are persons who go from door-to-door, selling goods to individuals. The goods are delivered immediately and payment by the customer is made at the time of the sale. All peddlers will have a license certificate with the peddler’s picture. **City Ordinance 323.10**

Commercial solicitor:

A commercial solicitor is someone who takes down payments for goods to be delivered at a later time. The solicitor should have a card with a photograph and a description of the product. **City Ordinances 323.20 and 333.80**

Charitable solicitor:

A charitable solicitor is a person or organization which solicits anything of value from more than 10 persons a year. The solicitation must be for a philanthropic, social service, welfare, or benevolent purpose. Charitable solicitors may perform their work for wages or commission, so long as this practice is disclosed. Charitable organizations must obtain a permit and all solicitors must display identification. Issuance of the permit does not mean the city approves of the charity and no solicitor may imply such approval. **City Ordinances 333.150 and 333.230**



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