

TITLE 6 – BUSINESS & LICENSE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1 NONRESIDENT SOLICITORS

6-1-1: PERMIT REQUIRED

No person shall go on to any private property in any unincorporated areas of the County for the purpose of soliciting, canvassing or direct sales, without first having applied for and obtained a solicitor's permit from the Sheriff's Department. Any person desiring to secure a solicitor's permit shall apply in person to the Sheriff's Department on forms provided by the County along with the appropriate fee as set by the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee.

This section shall not apply to:

- A. Any Green County resident or business.
- B. Any person delivering newspapers, fuel, dairy products or bakery items to regular customers on established routes.
- C. Any person selling merchandise at wholesale to dealers in such merchandise.
- D. Any person selling agricultural products which such person has grown.
- E. Any person who has had a prior business transaction such as a prior sale or credit arrangement with the prospective customer.
- F. Any person holding a sale required by statute, order of any court or a bonafide auction sale.
- G. Any employee, officer or agent of a charitable or nonprofit organization.
- H. Any person engaged in political activities.
- I. Any person while doing business at special events which are under the supervision and control of a local organization or business.

6-1-2: PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Sheriff's Department shall issue the permit, within three business days, after reasonable investigation that the applicant is of good moral character and proposes to engage in a lawful and legitimate commercial or professional enterprise. Each permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The Sheriff's Department may refuse to permit the applicant if it is determined that:

- A. The application contains any material omission or materially inaccurate statement;
- B. The address or other information in the application cannot be confirmed;

- C. Complaints of a material nature have been received against the applicant by authorities in the last three cities, villages and towns in which the applicant conducted similar business;
- D. The applicant was convicted of a criminal, statutory or ordinance violation within the last five years, the nature of which is directly related to the applicant's fitness to engage in direct selling;
- E. The applicant has engaged in fraudulent business practices; or
- F. The applicant failed to comply with any applicable provision of this section.

6-1-3: PROHIBITED PRACTICES

No solicitor shall:

- A. Call at any dwelling or other premises between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., except by appointment.
- B. Call at any dwelling or other premises where a sign is displayed bearing the words "No Peddlers", "No Solicitors", "No Trespass", or words of similar meaning.
- C. Call at the rear door of any dwelling.
- D. Remain on any premises after being asked to leave by the owner, occupant or other person having authority over the premises.
- E. Misrepresent or make false, deceptive or misleading statements concerning the quality, quantity or character of any goods offered for sale, the purpose of the visit, the identity of the individual and/or any organization represented.
- F. Impede the free use of sidewalks and street by pedestrians and vehicles. Where sales are made from vehicles, all traffic and parking regulations shall be observed.
- G. Make any loud noises or use any sound amplifying device to attract customers.
- H. Allow rubbish or litter to accumulate in or around the area in which he/she is conducting business.

6-1-4: PERMIT REVOCATION

The permit may be revoked by the Sheriff after notice and opportunity to be heard by the Sheriff or designee, if the applicant made any material omission or materially inaccurate statement in the application for registration, made any fraudulent, false, deceptive or misleading statements or representation in the course of engaging in direct sales, violated any provision of this section or was convicted of any crime, ordinance violation or statutory violation which is directly related to the applicant's fitness to engage in solicitation.