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## CITY OF COLUMBUS

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### **NOTICE – PERMIT REQUIRED STREET VENDORS, CANVASSERS, SOLICITORS, PEDDLERS, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS**

No person shall engage in any of these businesses or activities within the City of Columbus without a Business and Activity license issued by the City of Columbus. Application for a license can be made to the City Clerk, 105 N Dickason Blvd. A complete application must be submitted to the City Clerk a minimum of 5 business days prior to any activity. All licenses granted by the City of Columbus must be carried upon the person and clearly displayed at all times. It shall be a condition of holding a license that the licensee complies with all ordinances of the city.

## **PEDDLERS AND SOLICITOR**

*Canvasser or solicitor* means a person who goes from place to place within the city soliciting orders for the future delivery of property or for services to be performed in the future, including any person who occupies any place within the city for the purpose of exhibiting samples and taking orders for future delivery.

*Peddler* means a person who goes from place to place within the city offering for sale property he carries with him, including a vendor who distributes his products to regular customers on an established route.

*Transient merchant* means a person who engages at a fixed location in the city in the temporary business of selling property or taking commercial photographs at such location. The term does not include a person who does not sell from stock but exhibits samples for the purpose of securing orders for future delivery only but includes a person who associates temporarily with any local business or conducts business in the name of a local merchant, dealer or auctioneer. For the purposes of this section, sale of merchandise includes a sale in which the personal services rendered upon or in connection with such merchandise constitutes the greatest part of the value for the price received.

### **Excessive noise prohibited.**

No person licensed under article II of this chapter shall in hawking his wares create any noise annoying to a person of ordinary sensibilities.

### **Use of streets.**

No licensee under article II of this chapter shall use the public streets or sidewalks for purposes of sales in such manner as to impede or inconvenience the public use of the streets or sidewalks.

### **Hours.**

No person licensed under article II of this chapter shall conduct business in the city except during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week.

## License Required.

Except as provided in "Exemptions", no person shall conduct any of the activities enumerated above without a license.

## Exemptions.

No license shall be required of the following:

- (1) Persons selling personal property at wholesale to dealers in such articles.
- (2) Newsboys.
- (3) Children under 18 years of age.
- (4) Merchants or their employees delivering goods in the regular course of business.
- (5) Farmers or truck gardeners offering to sell the products of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by them.
- (6) A veteran holding a special state license under Wis. Stats. § 440.51, but he shall comply with sections on Noise, Hours and Display of License.
- (7) Any person soliciting for charitable, religious, patriotic or philanthropic purposes if the proceeds are devoted solely to the purposes of the organization.
- (8) Sales required by statute or order of a court.
- (9) Bona fide auction sales conducted pursuant to law.
- (10) Handicrafters offering to sell items handcrafted in their homes by none other than family members.
- (11) Residents of this state selling produce or other perishable products at retail or wholesale.
- (12) Farmers or truck gardeners, handicrafters and residents of this state selling produce or other perishable products who are designated above as exempt from licensing as transient merchants shall confine their sales activities to areas approved by the city council.

## Investigation fee.

At the time of filing his application, the applicant for a license as a canvasser, solicitor, peddler or transient merchant shall pay to the clerk a fee as specified below to cover the cost of investigation of the facts stated in the application.

## Investigation.

The chief of police shall cause the applicant for a license under this article and the facts stated in the application to be investigated and shall within five days return the application to the city clerk with his endorsement approving or disapproving the application.

## Display.

Any person licensed under this article shall carry his license with him while engaged in licensed activities and shall upon request display such license to any officer of the city or any person with whom he seeks to do business.

<b>SOLICITOR/TRANSIENT MERCHANT</b>	
Per Company – 30 Day Permit	\$60.00
Per Person – 30 day permit	\$30.00