

CHAPTER 16.

SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS.

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Sec. 16-1. Definition.

Solicitor. A person who goes from door to door, visiting multi-family or single-family dwellings or places of business for the following purposes:

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

Sec. 16-2. Registration.

All persons, before entering into or upon a residential or business premises within the city for the purpose of soliciting, shall register with the city clerk and furnish the city clerk with the following information:

- (a) The name, local and permanent addresses, age, 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.

Sec. 16-3. Issuance, term and display of permit.

Upon furnishing the information required under section 16-2 the applicant shall be issued a permit twenty-four hours from the date of submission of the application. A permit issued under this chapter shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Every solicitor shall carry his permit with him at all times while engaged in soliciting, and shall display such permit to any person who shall demand to see such permit while he is so engaged.

As to licenses generally, see ch. 9 of this Code.

Sec. 16-4. Fees.

A fee of five dollars to cover the costs of processing of the application shall be paid to the city clerk when the application is filed, and shall not be returnable under any circumstances. If the application is approved, the five dollars so paid shall be applied as a credit against the amount due for the license tax for such activity.

Sec. 16-5. Prohibited acts.

No person shall:

(a) Enter into or upon a residential or business premises in the city under false pretenses, to solicit for any purpose.

(b) Remain in or on any residential or business premises after the owner or occupant or his agent or employee has requested any such person to leave.

(c) Enter upon any residential or business premises for soliciting, when the owner or occupant or his agent or employee has displayed a "No Soliciting" sign on such premises.

(d) Engage in the practice of soliciting in the city without a permit, as provided by this chapter.

(e) Knowingly give false information or withhold correct information in obtaining a permit.

*As to general penalty for violations of Code, see
§ 1-7 of this Code.*

Sec. 16-6. Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter, except section 16-5, shall not apply to:

(a) Any person who visits any residence or business at the request or invitation of the owner or occupant, or his agent or employee.

(b) Newsboys soliciting subscriptions to any newspaper for home delivery within the city.

(c) Route deliverymen who make deliveries at least once a week to regular customers and whose solicitation is only incidental to their regular deliveries.