

Chapter 5.08

SOLICITORS, PEDDLERS, HAWKERS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS
AND TRANSIENT VENDORS

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5.08.010 Declaration of nuisance. The practice of going to, in and upon private residences in the City of Linden by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants, transient vendors of merchandise and other persons not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of said private residences for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, for disposing of or peddling or hawking goods, wares or merchandise or for the purpose of seeking or gaining information concerning the owners or occupants of the private residence or neighboring private residences is declared to be a nuisance and punishable as such nuisance as a misdemeanor. (Ord. 143 □, 1988; Ord. 182 □, 1992)

5.08.020 Excepted activities. This chapter shall not apply to the sale of goods, wares, and merchandise by religious, charitable or non-profit organizations; solicitations for religious, charitable, or non-profit organizations; and/or canvassing the area by religious, charitable or non-profit organizations between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Ord. 143 □, 1988; Ord. 200 □, 1994)

5.08.030 License required for excepted activities.

A. Organizations meeting the requirements of Section 5.08.020 shall obtain a license before conducting their operations in the city from the police department. There is no charge for such licenses. The following information is required of applicants for such licenses:

1. The name and address of the applicant;
2. The names and permanent addresses of both the organization and of all persons who will be entering into the activity in the city;
3. A brief description of the organization;

4. The length of time for which a license is being requested (days, dates and hours of operation);

5. A "Letter to Determination of Tax Exemption" or comparable verification of tax-exempt status.

6. In any instance where either Federal law or Michigan law has determined that a license or permission is not required for solicitation, then registration with the Police department is required. There shall be no charge for registration. The same information which is requested in Section 5.08.030 shall be provided upon registration.

B. The police department shall submit a written report to the city council on each license granted by the department. (Ord. 147 , 1988; Ord. 143 , 1988; Ord. 182 , 1992)

5.08.040 Identification required. It is the responsibility of the organization's members conducting the solicitation to wear or carry identification. A solicitor must identify himself or herself to the occupants of any private residences. Any individual who fails to positively identify himself or herself will be considered to have violated this chapter. (Ord. 147 , 1988; Ord. 143 , 1988)