



TOWN OF NORWICH

ORDINANCE REGULATING STREET VENDORS AND DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted under the provisions of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24 Section 1971.

2. CIVIL ORDINANCE

Any infraction of this ordinance will be considered a civil violation.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. No person shall, in person or by his/her employees or agents, sell, peddle, or solicit orders for any goods, wares, merchandise or services within the sidewalks or public streets of the Town of Norwich, or by traveling from door-to-door within the Town of Norwich without first securing a permit from the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- B. No person shall, in person or by his/her employees or agents, sell, peddle, or solicit orders for any goods, wares, merchandise or services within the sidewalks or public streets of the Town of Norwich, or by traveling from door-to-door within the Town of Norwich between the hours of 7:00 PM on one day and 9:00 AM the next day.
- C. A permit must be obtained seven (7) days in advance of the start date of solicitation.
- D. The permit fee will be set by the Selectboard and printed on the permit application.

- E. The permit will be valid for seven (7) days. The permit may be extended for additional seven (7) day periods by requesting such extensions from the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- F. Authorized representatives of religious, charitable, educational, or service organizations desiring to solicit or raise money through the sale of goods or through the sponsoring of an activity in a public place, municipal property, buildings, sidewalks or rights of way shall be exempt from paying any fees required by any section of this ordinance. All such organizations shall be required to submit in writing to the Chief of Police the name and purpose of the cause for which such sale of goods or activity is being conducted, the name and address of the immediate director of such activity, and the period during which such activity is to be carried out in the Town of Norwich and the time, place and location of such activity. If the Chief of Police investigation, shall find that the organization is a bona-fide charitable, religious, educational or service organization, and that the activity will not jeopardize public health, safety and welfare, he shall issue, free of charge, a permit to carry on such sale of goods or activity at a specified time and place and upon such other conditions as the Town Manager shall require. Such permit shall cover all persons engaged in the activity for which the permit was issued.
- G. Minors, independent of an organization, may have a lemonade stand or similar stand and not trigger this ordinance.

4. ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE

- A. Any person, employee or agent who fails to obtain the necessary permit/s will be fined \$75.00 and shall cease operation within the Town of Norwich until the proper permit/s are obtained and all fines have been paid.
- B. The Chief of Police or his/her designee has the right to revoke a permit to peddle at any time.

5. PAYMENT OF FINES, WAIVER OF NON-CONTESTED VIOLATIONS AND COLLECTION BY THE TRAFFIC AND MUNICIPAL COURT

All fines must be paid within seven (7) days of issuing a notice of violation. A waiver of one half (1/2) of the fine will be made if the fine is paid to the Finance Officer of the Town of Norwich within seven (7) days. If the fine has not been paid after seven (7) days a Traffic and Municipal court citation will be issued for collection of the full fine.

6. REPLACEMENT

This ordinance supercedes all existing ordinances to regulate street vendors and door-to-door solicitors.

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Effective Date