

SOLICITOR PERMIT APPLICATION

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

Chapter 19-Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV-Solicitation, of the City of Palmetto Code of Ordinances, is defined as the act of going from door to door: seeking contributions; selling products or services; handing a pamphlet, advertising material or other form of literature to an occupant of the residence. However, it does not include leaving literature at a residence without knocking or ringing the doorbell.

Please review the following Chapter 19, Section 19-122 through Sec. 19-129, prior to completing the attached Solicitor Permit Application.

Sec. 19-122. Permit required.

It shall be unlawful for any solicitor to engage in solicitation activities in the city without first obtaining a permit from the city occupational licensing department.

Sec. 19-123. Exemptions.

The following activities shall not require a permit under the provisions of this article:

(1) Solicitation on behalf of a church or religious organization, including any unincorporated association or corporation under the supervision and control of any church or religious organization, if the church or religious organization is tax exempt under the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code and the solicitor produces acceptable evidence of affiliation with such church or religious organization upon request; and

(2) Solicitation for the purpose of distributing written materials relating to a candidate, political party, cause or issue, or for the purpose of speaking about a candidate, political party, cause or issue. While these activities do not require a permit, the city encourages persons or organizations intending to engage in such activities to voluntarily apply for a permit. This enables the city to more accurately and efficiently address public concerns.

Sec. 19-124. Regulations governing solicitation.

The following regulations shall apply to all door-to-door solicitation within the city:

- (1) Solicitation activities shall be conducted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (2) Solicitation shall not be conducted at any residence, or residential subdivision, where a "no solicitation" sign is exhibited.
- (3) A solicitor who is asked by an occupant to leave a residence shall immediately and peacefully depart.
- (4) A solicitor shall not open the door to a residence or prevent it from being closed.
- (5) A solicitor shall not remove, destroy, deface or obscure a "no solicitation" sign.
- (6) A solicitor shall not litter.
- (7) A solicitor shall not intentionally inflict emotional distress upon a person by using excessively loud or aggressive speech, or profane language.
- (8) Solicitation of the occupants of a vehicle is prohibited.
- (9) A solicitor shall not make physical contact with a person, or personal property of a person, being solicited unless that person consents to such contact.

Sec. 19-125. Display of permit.

Any solicitor required to obtain a permit shall carry the permit on his or her person at all times during solicitation activities and exhibit his or her permit whenever requested to do so by a person who is being solicited or a police officer.

Sec. 19-126. School solicitation permit.

An authorized representative of any school, as that term is defined in appendix B, article III, section 3.2 of this Code, may apply for a school solicitation permit. If granted, such permit shall authorize students attending the applicant school to engage in those solicitation activities expressly set forth in the permit application. Students must carry a photocopy of the school solicitation permit on their persons at all times during solicitation activities and exhibit the permit whenever requested to do so by a person who is being solicited or a police officer.

Sec. 19-127. Suspension or revocation of permit.

A permit issued pursuant to this article may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Fraud or misrepresentation in the application for a permit;
- (2) Fraud or misrepresentation in the course of conducting solicitation activities;
- (3) Conducting solicitation activities contrary to the regulations provided in this article; or
- (4) Conducting solicitation activities in such a manner as to create a public nuisance or constitute a danger to public health, safety or welfare.

Upon suspension or revocation of a permit, the city shall deliver written notice to the permit holder stating the action taken and the reason supporting the action. The written notice shall be delivered to the address provided in the permit holder's application.

Sec. 19-128. Appeal.

Any applicant whose request for a permit was denied or any permit holder whose permit was suspended or revoked shall have the right to appeal to the city council. An appeal must be demanded in writing and sent by certified mail to the city council within seven (7) calendar days of the action that is being appealed. The written appeal shall describe in detail the action appealed and the grounds for appeal. The right to appeal to the city council is not in derogation of any other rights in law or equity that the applicant or permit holder might have. The city council shall make a determination on the appeal as soon as practicable.

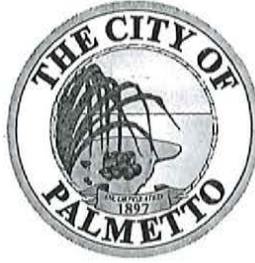
Sec. 19-129. Enforcement.

The city shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter by any means provided for in this Code, including by citation or code enforcement board proceedings. Alternatively, the city may file charges in county court and seek the maximum fine and term of imprisonment set forth in F.S. § 162.22, as amended from time to time. Each solicitation in violation of this article shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 1115 10TH STREET W, PALMETTO, FL.

UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION, IT WILL BE REVIEWED AND SIGNED. THE APPLICATION MUST THEN BE BROUGHT TO CITY HALL LOCATED AT 516 8TH AVENUE W, PALMETTO, FL, FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THIS PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES AND EXHIBITED WHEN REQUESTED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 941/723-4570.



Solicitor Permit Application

Submittal Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Location of Solicitation: _____

Dates and Hours of Solicitation: _____

Permitted Hours: Per Chapter 19 of City Code 8:00am – 8:00pm

Description of Solicitation: _____

A copy of a valid photo ID is required at time of application (approved IDs include state driver's license, state ID card or passport).

I hereby acknowledge reading Chapter 19 Article IV, Sections 121 through 129, and that I am aware of the regulations outlined therein.

Applicant Signature Date Name of Company

Notice: Acceptance of solicitor registration does not constitute an endorsement by the City of Palmetto. The City of Palmetto requires solicitor registration for information purposes only and makes no representation for information purposes only and makes no representations as to the character or legitimacy of any solicitor.

For internal use only

City of Palmetto Date Palmetto Police Department Date

Permit Approve Permit Denied Permit Approve Permit Denied

Permit Expires on: _____

This permit is not valid unless endorsed first by the Palmetto Police and then approved by Palmetto City Hall.

This permit must be carried with you at all times during solicitation activities and exhibited when requested to do so by a City Official or by a person being solicited.