



SOLICITOR PERMIT APPLICATION

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

According to Chapter 19 - LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV. - REGULATION OF SOLICITATION AND PANHANDLING, of the City of Palmetto Code of Ordinances, Solicitation is defined as the act of going from door to door participating in any of the following activities;

- (1) Seeking contributions or pledges for contributions, including panhandling;
- (2) Selling or attempting to sell subscriptions, products or services, or taking orders or attempting to take orders for subscriptions, products or services; or
- (3) Distributing a handbill, as defined in section 3-36 of this Code, advertising material, or other form of literature, to a person.

The term "solicitation" does not include simply leaving a handbill, advertising material, or other form of literature, including literature which provides information for making a contribution or pledge, at a residence without knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell. Such action is regulated by chapter 3, article II, division 2, of this Code. The term "solicitation" does not include merely holding a sign.

Solicitor means any individual, group, organization, association, partnership, corporation or other entity that engages in solicitation.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

Please, review the following, Chapter 19, Sec. 19-122 through Sec. 19-127, 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 clerk.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

- **Sec. 19-123. - Regulations governing solicitation.**

The following regulations shall apply to all 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 private property where a "no solicitation" sign is exhibited.
- (3) A solicitor who is asked by an occupant to leave private property shall immediately and peacefully exit the premises.
- (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) Solicitation is prohibited within fifteen (15) feet of the edge of a public roadway, unless the width of the available public right-of-way in that area of the roadway is less than fifteen (15) feet, then solicitation shall be as far from the edge of the roadway as reasonably possible. Solicitation within roadway median is prohibited.
- (10) Solicitation is prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of an automated teller machine (ATM) or the entrance to a bank.
- (11) Solicitation is prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of a bus stop or public transit facility.

(12) Solicitation shall not be located within a visibility triangle, as defined by the Code.

(13) 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.

(14) A solicitor may not continue to solicit a person after the person has made an express negative response to the initial solicitation.

(15) A solicitor may not take any action that impedes the passage or free movement of the solicited person, whether the solicited person is on foot, on a bicycle, in a wheelchair, operating a motor vehicle, entering or exiting a residence, private property or motor vehicle, or moving or attempting to move in any other manner.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

- **Sec. 19-124. - Display of permit.**

Any solicitor required to obtain a permit, or any person soliciting on behalf of solicitor, shall carry the permit or a copy of the permit at all times during solicitation activities and shall present the permit (or copy of the permit) for inspection upon request by any person who is being solicited or any officer, employee, or agent of the city.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

- **Sec. 19-125. - Suspension or revocation of permit.**

A permit issued pursuant to this article may be suspended or revoked by the police or city clerk 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 police or the city clerk shall deliver written notice to the permit holder stating the action taken and the reason supporting the action. The written notice may be hand delivered or shall be delivered to the address provided in the permit holder's application. If written notice of revocation is hand delivered, a copy of the notice shall be mailed to the address provided in the permit holders' application by the city clerk.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

- **Sec. 19-126. - 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 commission. An appeal must be made in writing and sent by certified mail to the Mayor 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 commission shall not limit any other rights in law or equity that the applicant or permit holder might have. The city commission shall make a determination on the appeal at its next available meeting.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

- **Sec. 19-127. - Enforcement.**

The Palmetto Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies, and city code enforcement are authorized to enforce this article. the violation of any provision of this article shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, as provided in F.S. § 162.22. Each violation of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 2015-01, § 2.b., 3-16-15)

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT LOACTED AT 1115 10TH ST W, PALMETTO, FL 34221.

UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REVEWIED, APPROVED OR DENIED, AND SIGNED. THE APPLICATION MUST THEN BE BROUGHT TO CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 516 8TH AVE W, PALMETTO, FL 34221, FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNLESS APPROVED AND ENDORSED FIRST BY THE PALMETTO POLICE DEPT. AND THEN APPROVED AND ENDORSED BY PALMETTO CITY HALL. THIS PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED WITH SOLICITOR AT ALL TIMES DURING SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITED WHEN REQUESTED BY A CITY OFFICIAL OR BY A PERSON BEING SOLICITED.

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

SOLICITOR PERMIT APPLICATION

Submittal Date _____

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

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 I am aware of the regulations outlined therein.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 representations as to the character or legitimacy of any solicitor.

FON INTERNAL USE ONLY

Police Dept. Employee Name (please print): _____

Permit Status: Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

City Hall Employee Name (please print): _____

Permit Status: Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permit Expiration Date: _____