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**Sec. 250.701. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this Part, the following words as used herein shall be considered to have the meaning herein ascribed thereto:

- (a) Soliciting shall mean and include any one or more of the following activities:
  - (1) Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, services, of any kind, character or description whatever, for any kind of consideration whatever; or
  - (2) Seeking to obtain prospective customers for application or purchase of insurance of any type, kind or publication; or
  - (3) Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and every other type or kind of publication; or
  - (4) Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing or any other valuable thing for the support or benefit of any charitable or nonprofit association, organization, corporation, or project or for any other purpose.
- (b) Residence shall mean and include every separate living unit occupied for residential purposes by one or more persons, contained within any type of building or structure.
- (c) Professional solicitor shall mean a person who for a fee or other compensation solicits on behalf of others.
- (d) Commercial solicitor shall mean a person who solicits for purposes of engaging a person in a commercial transaction.
- (e) Solicitor shall mean and include any person engaged in soliciting whether or not a registered solicitor.

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- (f) Registered solicitor shall mean and include any person who has obtained a permit pursuant to this Part or who is registered pursuant to Chapter 694.
- (g) Residential soliciting shall mean soliciting on residential property.
- (h) Residential property shall mean property on which a residence is located.
- (i) Peddling shall mean selling or attempting to sell merchandise or services or both while carrying such merchandise or the materials necessary to provide services.
- (j) Residential peddling shall mean peddling on residential property.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.702. Permit required.**

- (a) Every person desiring to engage in residential soliciting as a commercial or professional solicitor is hereby required to make written application for a permit provided in Section 250.103. Such permit shall be carried by the solicitor.
- (b) Every person desiring to engage in residential peddling is hereby required to make written application for a permit provided in Section 250.103. Such permit shall be carried by the peddler.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.703. Notice regulating residential soliciting and peddling.**

Every person desiring to secure the protection provided by the regulations pertaining to soliciting and peddling contained in this Part, shall substantially comply with the following directions, set forth herein.

- (a) Notice of the determination by the occupant of giving invitation to solicitors, or the refusal of invitation to solicitors, to any residence, shall be given in the manner following:

A clearly legible notice size shall be exhibited upon or near the main entrance door to the residence, indicating the determination by the occupant, containing the applicable words, similar to the following:

"No Solicitors"

or

"No Solicitors Allowed or Invited."

or

"No Peddlers"

or

"No Peddlers Allowed or Invited."

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- (b) Any such card so exhibited shall constitute sufficient notice to any solicitor or peddler of the determination by the occupant of the residence that any peddling or soliciting by any person is prohibited at such residence.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.704. Duty of solicitors.**

- (a) It shall be the duty of every solicitor upon going onto any premises in the City upon which a residence as herein defined is located, to first examine the notice provided for in this ordinance, if any is attached, and be governed by the statement contained on any notice.
- (b) If the notice substantially complies with Section 250.703(a)(1), then the solicitor, whether permitted or registered or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.
- (c) Any solicitor who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.705. Uninvited soliciting prohibited.**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in, or attempt to engage in, soliciting as herein defined, in defiance of the notice exhibited at the residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 250.704 of this ordinance.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.706. Time limit on soliciting.**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person whether permitted or registered or not, to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door of a residence located thereon, or rap or knock upon any door or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in, or attempt to engage in, soliciting as herein defined, prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. of any weekday, or at any time on a Sunday or on a state or national holiday.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.707. Age limitations.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 14 to engage in residential peddling or solicitation.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to engage in residential peddling or solicitation without direct supervision by a person at least 18 years of age. Direct supervision means the supervising person shall at all times have the minor in sight and shall in no event be more than 100 feet away from the minor.

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(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.708. Restrictions on methods of solicitation.**

It shall be unlawful for a solicitor to do any of the following:

- (a) Falsely represent, directly or by implication, that the solicitor is acting on behalf of a governmental organization, a charitable organization or any person other than the person for whom the solicitor is actually acting.
- (b) Threaten, directly or by implication, that the information requested will be solicited from sources other than the interviewee if the interviewee does not provide the information.
- (c) Fail to identify herself or himself as a commercial or professional solicitor of that is how the solicitor is permitted.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.709. Duty of peddlers.**

- (a) It shall be the duty of every peddler, as defined in this Chapter, upon going onto any premises in the City upon which a residence as herein defined is located, to first examine the notice provided for in this ordinance, if any is attached, and be governed by the statement contained on any notice.
- (b) If the notice complies with Section 250.703(a)(1), then the peddler, whether or not he has a permit pursuant to this Chapter, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.
- (c) Any peddler who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.710. Uninvited peddling prohibited.**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person to go upon any premises and ring the door bell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in, or attempt to engage in, soliciting or peddling as defined in this Chapter, in defiance of the notice exhibited at the residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 250.704 of this ordinance.

(Ord. 93-1761-1390, § 1)

**Sec. 250.711. Time limit on peddling.**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person whether permitted or not, to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door of a residence located thereon, or rap or knock upon any door or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in, or attempt to engage in, peddling as herein defined, prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. of any weekday, or at any time on a Sunday or on a state or national holiday.

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