

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 167

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Alexandria:

- Sec. 1. Definitions: (1) Peddlers defined. A person engaged in the selling of personal property by going from place to place or house to house to sell such property and who carries with him such property for delivery at the time of sale, in Alexandria, and who does not maintain a regular stock of merchandise in Alexandria for at least six months during the year in which he is peddling or soliciting, is a peddler.  
(2) Solicitors defined. A person engaged in going from place to place or house to house soliciting orders for, or offering to sell personal property for future delivery in Alexandria is a solicitor.
- Sec. 2. Nuisances: exceptions. The practice of going in and upon private residence property by solicitors or peddlers who have not previously been requested or invited so to do by the owner or occupant thereof for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of personal property or offering to sell personal property for future delivery or for the purpose of selling or disposing of personal property thereon, is declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited and no person licensed as a solicitor or peddler hereunder shall thereby be deemed authorized to go upon any private residence property except with the prior request, invitation, or consent of the owner or occupant thereof. This section shall not apply to the distribution or sale of religious, political, economic or educational tracts, pamphlets, papers, or periodicals where the proceeds are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable or benevolent purposes, not to the peddling or soliciting or orders for any agricultural product or article raised or manufactured by such peddler or solicitor in this State, or to any article sold in interstate commerce, except that no person shall go upon any private residence property for any of such purposes where the owner or occupant thereof has requested such person not to come thereon for any of such purposes or has placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof a sign indicating that the occupants of said premises do not desire to be molested or have their rights of privacy disturbed by distributors, solicitors, or peddlers of any such personal property, articles or publications, or to have any person come in to said premises for any such purposes.
- Sec. 3. The Licensing and bonding provisions: Exceptions. The provisions of this Ordinance with reference to the bonding and licensing of peddlers and solicitors shall not apply to traveling salesmen doing business exclusively with retailers, merchants, manufacturers, jobbers, or with public officials, not to the peddling or soliciting of orders for any agricultural products or manufactured goods raised or manufactured in this State by the person selling or soliciting the sale of the same, nor to the distribution or sale of newspapers, nor to the distribution or sale of personal property where the proceeds are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable or benevolent purposes, not to the distribution or sale of periodicals where the proceeds are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable or benevolent purposes.

- Sec. 4. License fee required. No person shall deal as a peddler or solicitor as defined by this Ordinance without having procured a license as herein required, and no two or more persons shall deal under the same license as partners, agents, or otherwise, the license fee for a solicitor or peddler shall be ten dollars a day.
- Sec. 5. Application for license. The application for license, shall state the name of the applicant, permanent address of the applicant, length of residence in the State, whether he transacts business for himself or someone else, and if someone else, the name and address of person, firm or corporation he represents, the nature and character of the property to be sold, whether he solicits or takes orders for it by carrying samples or catalogs, the manner in which he intends to travel and the character of the vehicle he intends to use in traveling, copies of the contracts and agreements he intends to make with the customers, and how he intends to operate within the City.
- Sec. 6. Bond required from solicitors and peddlers. Every solicitor or peddler before receiving a license shall file in the Office of the City Auditor a bond in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the faithful performance and obligation of such solicitor or peddler arising in connection with his business as such, and for the payment of all claims, for damages for which may become liable through fraud, deceit or otherwise in the course of his business as such solicitor or peddler.
- Sec. 7. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars or imprisonment in the City or County Jail for not more than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- Sec. 8. Repeal. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

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