

CHAPTER 8

SOLICITORS

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3-8-1: DEFINITIONS: For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words as used herein shall be construed to have the meaning herein ascribed thereto to wit:

SOLICITING: Shall mean and include any one or more of the following activities:

Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, services of any kind or consideration whatever; or

Seeking to obtain prospective customers for application or purpose of insurance of any type, kind or character; or

Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, and every other type or kind of publication; or

Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing or any other valuable thing for the support or benefit of any charitable or non-profitable association, organization, corporation or project.

RESIDENCE: Shall mean and include every separate living unit occupied for residential purpose by one or more persons, contained within any type of building or structure.

REGISTERED SOLICITOR: Shall mean and include any person who has obtained a valid Certificate of Registration as hereinafter provided, and which Certificate is in the possession of the solicitor on his or her person while engaged in soliciting.

3-8-2: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION: Every person desiring to engage in soliciting, as herein defined from persons in residences within this Municipality, is hereby required to make the written application for a Certificate of Registration as hereinafter provided.

3-8-3: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION: Application for a

Certificate of Registration shall be made upon a form provided by the Chief of Police of this Municipality and filed with such Chief. The application shall truthfully state in full the information requested on the application to wit:

- (A) Name and address of present place of residence.
- (B) Physical description of applicant;
- (C) Name and address of the person, firm or corporation or association whom the applicant is employed by or represents;
- (D) Description sufficient for identification of the subject matter of the soliciting which the applicant will engage in;
- (E) Period of time for which the Certificate is applied for;
- (F) Has the applicant ever been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois or any other State or Federal laws of the United States;
- (G) Also such additional information as the Chief of Police may deem necessary to process the application.

The Chief of Police shall cause to be kept in his office accurate record of every application received and acted upon together with all other information and data pertaining thereto and all Certificates of Registration issued under the provisions of the Chapter, and of the denial of applications. Applications for Certificates, shall be numbered in consecutive order as filed, and every Certificate issued, and any renewal thereof, shall be identified with the duplicate number of the application upon which it was issued.

No Certificate of Registration shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois or any other State or Federal law of the United States within five (5) years of the date of the application; nor to any person whose Certificate of Registration issued hereunder has previously been revoked as herein provided.

3-8-4: ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE: The Chief of Police, after consideration of the application and all information obtained relative hereto, shall deny the application if the applicant does not possess the qualifications for such Certificate as herein required and that the issuance of a Certificate of Registration to the applicant would not be in accord with the intent and the purpose of this Chapter. Endorsement shall be made by the Chief of Police upon the application of the denial of the applicant. When the application is found to be fully qualified, the Certificate of Registration shall be issued forthwith.

Any Certificate of Registration issued hereunder shall be revoked by the Chief of Police if the holder of the Certificate is convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Chapter, or has made a false material statement in the application, or has otherwise become disqualified for

the issuance of a Certificate of Registration under the terms of this Chapter. Immediately upon such revocation written notice thereof shall be given by the Chief of Police to the holder of the Certificate in person or by certified U.S. mail addressed to his or her residence as set forth by the application.

Immediately upon the giving of such notice the Certificate of Registration shall become null and void.

The Certificate of Registration shall state the expiration date thereof.

3-8-5: VILLAGE POLICY ON SOLICITING: It is hereby declared to be the policy of the governing body of this Municipality shall make the determination of whether solicitors shall be, or shall not be, invited to their residence. If no determination is made as provided in Section 3-8-6 thereof, then in that event, registration is not required.

3-8-6: NOTICE REGULATING SOLICITING: Every person desiring to secure the protection intended to be provided by the regulations pertaining to soliciting contained in this Chapter, shall comply with the following directions, to wit:

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

A weatherproof card, approximately three inches (3") by four inches (4") in size, shall be exhibited upon or near the main entrance door to the residence indicating the determination by the occupant, containing the applicable words as follows:

"ONLY SOLICITORS REGISTERED IN _____ INVITED"

OR

"NO SOLICITORS INVITED"

The letters shall be at least one-third (1/3") in height. For the purpose of uniformity, the cards shall be provided by the Chief of Police to persons requesting at the cost thereof.

Such cards so exhibited shall constitute sufficient notice to any solicitors of the determination by the occupant of the residence of any information contained thereon.

3-8-7: DUTY OF SOLICITORS: It shall be the duty of every solicitor upon going onto any premises in the Municipality upon which a residence as herein defined is located to first examine the notice provided for in Section 3-8-6 of this Chapter, if any is attached, and be governed by the statement contained on the notice. If the notice states "ONLY SOLICITORS REGISTERED IN _____ INVITED", then the solicitors not possessing a valid Certificate of Registration as herein provided shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises; and if the notice states "NO SOLICITORS INVITED", Then the solicitor, whether registered or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.

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.

3-8-8: UNINVITED SOLICITING PROHIBITED: It is hereby declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance 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 soliciting as herein defined, in defiance of the notice exhibited at the residence in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-8-6 of this Chapter.

3-8-9: TIME LIMIT ON SOLICITING: It is hereby declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance for any person whether registered under this Chapter or not, to go upon any premises and ring the door bell 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 audience with the occupant thereof and engage in soliciting as herein defined prior to nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. or after five o'clock (5:00) P.M. of any week day.

No solicitation will be permitted on Sunday or National Holidays.