

Chapter 610. Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers

Section 610.030. Identification Card Required For Peddlers and Solicitors, Available For Canvassers.

No person shall act as a peddler or as a solicitor within the City without first obtaining an identification card in accordance with this Chapter. A canvasser is not required to have an identification card but any canvasser wanting an identification card for the purpose of reassuring City residents of the canvasser's good faith shall be issued one (1) upon request.

Section 610.060. Contents of Application.

A. The applicant (person or organization) shall provide the following information:

1. Name of applicant.
2. Number of identification cards required.
3. The name, physical description and photograph of each person for which a card is requested. In lieu of this information, a driver's license, State identification card, passport, or other government-issued identification card (issued by a government within the United States) containing this information may be provided and a photocopy taken. If a photograph is not supplied, the City will take an instant photograph of each person for which a card is requested at the application site. The actual cost of the instant photograph will be paid by the applicant.
4. The permanent and (if any) local address of the applicant.
5. The permanent and (if any) local address of each person for whom an identification card is requested.
6. A brief description of the proposed activity related to this identification card. (Copies of literature to be distributed may be substituted for this description at the option of the applicant.)
7. Date and place of birth for each person for whom a card is requested and (if available) the social security number of such person.
8. A list of all infraction, offense, misdemeanor and felony convictions of each person for whom an identification card is requested for the seven (7) years immediately prior to the application.
9. The motor vehicle make, model, year, color and State license plate number of any vehicle which will be used by each person for whom an identification card is requested.
10. If an identification card is requested for a peddler:
 - a. The name and permanent address of the business offering the event, activity, good or service (i.e., the peddler's principal).
 - b. A copy of the principal's sales tax license as issued by the State of Missouri, provided that no copy of a license shall be required of any business which appears on the City's annual report of sales tax payees as provided by the Missouri Department of Revenue.
 - c. The location where books and records are kept of sales which occur within the City and which are available for City inspection to determine that all City sales taxes have been paid.
11. If an identification card is requested for a solicitor:
 - a. The name and permanent address of the organizations, person or group for whom donations (or proceeds) are accepted.
 - b. The web address for this organization, person or group (or other address) where residents having subsequent questions can go for more information.

12. Any other information the applicant wishes to provide, perhaps including copies of literature to be distributed, references to other municipalities where similar activities have occurred, etc.

Section 610.040. Fee.

A. The fee for the issuance of each identification card shall be:

1. For a peddler acting on behalf of a merchant otherwise licensed to do business within the City—no fee.
2. For a peddler acting on behalf of a merchant not otherwise licensed to do business with the City—a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day.
3. For a solicitor (including a commercial solicitor advertising an event, activity, good or service for purchase at a location away from the residence)—no fee.
4. For a canvasser requesting an identification card—no fee.

Section 610.110. Display of Identification Card.

Each identification card shall be (when the individual for whom it was issued is acting as a peddler or solicitor) worn on the outer clothing of the individual so as to be reasonably visible to any person who might be approached by said person.

Section 610.160. General Prohibitions.

A. No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall:

1. Enter upon any private property where the property has clearly posted in the front yard a sign visible from the right-of-way (public or private) indicating a prohibition against peddling, soliciting and/or canvassing. Such sign need not exceed one (1) square foot in size and may contain words such as "no soliciting" or "no solicitors" in letters of at least two (2) inches in height. (The phrase "no soliciting" or "no solicitors" shall also prohibit peddlers and canvassers.)
2. Remain upon any private property where a notice in the form of a sign or sticker is placed upon any door or entrance way leading into the residence or dwelling at which guests would normally enter, which sign contains the words "no soliciting" or "no solicitors" and which is clearly visible to the peddler, solicitor or canvasser.
3. Enter upon any private property where the current occupant has posted the property on the City's "no visit" list (except where the posting form indicates the occupant has given permission for this type of visit), regardless of whether a front yard sign is posted.
4. Use or attempt to use any entrance other than the front or main entrance to the dwelling or step from the sidewalk or indicated walkway (where one exists) leading from the right-of-way to the front or main entrance, except by express invitation of the resident or occupant of the property.
5. Remove any yard sign, door or entrance sign that gives notice to such person that the resident or occupant does not invite visitors.
6. Enter upon the property of another except between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Except that the above prohibitions shall not apply when the peddler, solicitor or canvasser has an express invitation from the resident or occupant of a dwelling allowing him/her to enter upon any posted property.