



CITY OF WHITEHALL Solicitation Permit

Name:	Phone:
Company:	FAX:
Address:	City State Zip:
Local Address:	City State Zip:
Description of Articles or Items to Be Sold:	
Dates of Permit Request/ from:	to:
Method of Soliciting:	
Method of Product Delivery:	
License(s) held by Applicant:	
List names, addresses, and driver's license numbers, including state of issue, for each and every person soliciting under this permit. Attach additional sheet if necessary.	
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	
Solicitation permits previously granted by this City or others in last five years:	

I do hereby affirm that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Fee paid: \$	Date:	Receipt #	Rcvd by:
Police Department:	<input type="radio"/> record check	Signed: _____	Date:
Approved	<input type="radio"/>	_____	_____
City Clerk			Date
Denied	<input type="radio"/>		
Revoked	<input type="radio"/>		
_____		_____	
City Manager			Date
Reason for Denial or Revocation:			

Each solicitor shall carry this license at all times while engaged in the conduct of business under this permit.

City of Whitehall
Muskegon County, Michigan

Title 9, Chapter 111
PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND ITINERANT MERCHANTS

§ 111.01 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this subchapter the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

HAWKER, ITINERANT MERCHANT, PEDDLER, SOLICITOR, OR TRANSIENT VENDOR. Any person, either principal or agent, who goes from house to house or from place to place in the city, soliciting and dickering to do business with customers he meets in his travel as opportunity for such business arises out of immediate circumstances, or who goes about indiscriminately selling or taking orders from anyone for goods, wares, merchandise and services, including pictures and photographs and the processing thereof; and including indiscriminate solicitation by telephone and the subsequent house to house delivery and receipt of payment therefor.

§ 111.02 COMPLIANCE

It shall be unlawful for any person, as defined in this subchapter, to engage in the business of hawker, peddler, itinerant merchant, transient vendor or solicitor, as herein defined, until the provisions of this subchapter have been complied with.

§ 111.03 LICENSE REQUIRED

The practice of going in and upon private and/or public residence properties in the city, by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise, for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, and/or selling or disposing of, and/or peddling by hawking the same, unless licensed under this subchapter, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and punishable as a misdemeanor.

§ 111.04 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Every hawker, peddler, or solicitor, as defined in this subchapter, desiring to do business in the city shall make an application in writing to the City Clerk for a license to operate as a hawker, peddler, itinerant merchant, transient vendor or solicitor, and pay the fee therefor. The application for a license shall contain the following items, together with such additional information as the City Clerk may require for the determination of good reputation, health and responsibility of the applicant.

- (A) The full name, permanent address, business address, local address, age and occupation of the applicant at the time of filing the application.
- (B) The name of the person, firm or corporation represented, if any, together with the address of the central or district office of same.
- (C) A list or general description of the article or articles to be sold, or offered for sale.
- (D) The length of time for which the license is desired.
- (E) The proposed method of delivery to buyers, whether by weight, measure, package or otherwise.
- (F) the proposed method of hawking, peddling, whether on foot, by handcar or pushcart, or vehicle.
- (G) A list of licenses which the applicant has held from the city or applications filed therefor within five years preceding this application.
- (H) A list of hawkers', peddlers', or solicitors' licenses issued to said applicant by the state, or cities therein.
- (I) The affidavit of the applicant to the truth of the information given in the application, signed by the applicant.

§ 111.05 CARRYING OF LICENSE.

Each licensee or solicitor shall carry his license at all times while he is engaged in the conduct of the business of hawking or peddling. Such licensee shall exhibit his license upon the request of any officer of the City, or of any police officer or of any other citizen. Refusal to exhibit a license shall be prima facie evidence of failure to obtain a license.

§ 111.06 REFUSAL TO GRANT LICENSE.

The City Manager shall have the power to refuse to grant any license authorized under the terms of this subchapter whenever in his judgement it is for the best interests of the community to do so, having in mind the welfare, safety and health of the city, and to revoke a license granted upon violation of any of the terms of this subchapter. In case the license is revoked for violation of the express conditions and regulations under which it was granted, the full amount of the fee paid therefor shall be forfeited to the city and no licensee shall have a right to a refund of any part of said fee.

§ 111.07 FEES.

The fees payable as provided for in §111.02, for any license to be issued under the terms hereof, shall be established by City Council resolution.

§ 111.08 EXCEPTIONS.

Nothing in this subchapter shall be held to apply to:

- (A) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in a business of supplying at fixed intervals, to regular customers, of certain types of goods or services over generally fixed routes;
- (B) Any recognized charitable, civic or religious organizations, provided permission has first been granted by the City Council;
- (C) The solicitation, selling, and delivery from any established place of business within the city, defined to mean and include any room, building, shop or store in, where, or from which a person transacted business during regular retail trade business hours within the city, in the selling, or offering for sale, of goods, wares and merchandise or services, for not less than six continuous months, immediately preceding the house to house selling and/or soliciting herein prohibited; or
- (D) Farmers and truck gardeners who themselves or through their employees, vend, sell or dispose of products of their own farms and gardens only including berry pickers who sell berries of their own picking, also woodcutters who sell wood of their own cutting, also mechanics and artisans selling products of their own make and manufacture.