

ORDINANCE NO. 16-027
EXHIBIT "A"

This is the body of Part seven, chapter 727 of the Groveport Ohio Codified Ordinances without the index and cross references

727.01 DEFINITIONS.

A "peddler" means and includes all persons, both principal or agents, who engage in a temporary or transient door to door commercial business in the Municipality selling or soliciting goods, periodicals, food, wares, services, donations, or other merchandise, without being invited by the homeowner. ~~This also includes vendors selling from vehicles being on the public roadway.~~ This does not include authorized vendors for short duration's during events sanctioned by the Municipality, the passing out of brochures or other literature without making contact with the owner or resident of the property, or residents under the age of 18 soliciting property owners for snow removal services and/or yard care services.

727.02 Permit required; Fees.

(a) No peddler shall sell, offer for sale or solicit orders for any goods, merchandise, periodicals, food, donations or services by going from house to house within the Village unless such, person, firm, corporation, or other entity has obtained a peddler / solicitation permit from the police department of the Municipality.

(b) Application for the permit shall be made by the person intending to solicit such goods and/or services, or by a representative of the company or corporation or other entity. The representative of such company or entity shall provide a list of all employees that are seeking authorization to solicit. This list must include sufficient information to identify each employee and/or representative.

(1) This application will be on the form prescribed by the Municipality.

(2) The completed application will be forwarded to the Chief of Police and approved or denied based on the requirements of this section, and in accordance with the Policy developed by the Police Department. In cases where the application is denied; the applicant may appeal the decision in writing to the Office of the Mayor, who will hear the appeal within three days of its filing. The determination of the Mayor in all appeals shall be final.

(3) A \$25.00 non-refundable fee will be collected at the time of application.

(c) Peddler / Solicitation permits shall be valid for a period of one calendar year from the date of issue.

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727.03 Revocation of permit.

(a) Peddler / Solicitation permits may be revoked for cause by the Office of the Chief of Police for the following reasons: False statements, misrepresentations while selling or offering to sell goods or services, high pressure sales tactics that frighten the elderly, failing to leave a premises when requested by the owner or person in charge of the residence, a continuing pattern of noncompliance with the conditions outlined on the permit, three sustained complaints against the peddler lodged by citizens of the municipality, any violations of a criminal ordinance or law, or sales practices that lead to a breach of the peace, soliciting prior to 10:00 a.m. and/or after 7:00 p.m. and any other just cause where in the opinion of the Chief of Police, the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens is at risk.

(1) Any revocation will be effective immediately; persons, firms, corporations, and/or any other entities shall cease all activity within the Village immediately upon written or oral notice of resolution by the Chief of Police.

(2) The permit holder may appeal the revocation by filing written notice with the Office of Mayor, who shall hear the appeal within three days of filing. The determination of the Mayor in all appeals shall be final.

(3) A permit holder or entity that has had a permit revoked is prohibited from reapplying for a new permit in the Village of Groveport for a period of five years.

737.99 Penalty.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter and has been previously convicted under this or a similar ordinance or law, or refuses to comply with a provision of this chapter after a reasonable warning to desist is issued by a Police Officer is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.