



City of Plymouth



A Resident's Guide Regarding Peddlers and Solicitors

Peddlers & Solicitors

In Plymouth, peddlers or solicitors must have a license issued by the City of Plymouth. Requirements for peddlers and solicitors are detailed in Ordinance 1140 of the Plymouth City Code. The only exceptions to the City licensing requirement are:

- Individuals selling newspaper subscriptions.
- Individuals soliciting money, donations, or financial assistance of any kind for nonprofit, religious, political, or educational organizations. This includes taking orders for goods sold by these organizations; or selling or distributing literature or merchandise for which a fee is charged or solicited on behalf of such an organization.
- Individuals calling upon households in connection with a regular route service for the sale and delivery of perishable foods such as bakery and dairy products. Keep in mind that this exemption does not relieve the seller from complying with other applicable provisions of the City Code.
- Individuals calling upon a household at the request of someone living in the home.

Prohibited Practices

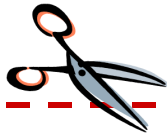
Peddlers, solicitors or transient merchants are prohibited from:

1. Obstructing the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any street, alley, sidewalk, or other public right of way.
2. Conducting business in a way that creates a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of any individual.
3. Entering private property to make a sale or solicitation between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. unless the owner or occupant of the property has made arrangements for the salesperson to arrive during those hours.
4. Calling attention to his/her business or merchandise, by crying out, blowing a horn, ringing a bell, or any loud or unusual noise in residential areas.

The Plymouth City Ordinance further states:

Peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants may not harass, intimidate, abuse or threaten a person. They must also leave when requested.

Peddlers must cease solicitation when the following sign (this size or larger) is displayed by the entrance of a residence:



**Peddlers and
Solicitors
Prohibited**



Plymouth Police Department
3400 Plymouth Boulevard
Plymouth, MN 55447
763-509-5160

www.plymouthmn.gov

If you have a “Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited” sign posted near the entrance of your home or business, people may not come to your home or business uninvited to sell goods or services, even if that person holds a peddlers license issued by the City of Plymouth.

Dial **9-1-1** if peddlers, solicitors, and transients merchants disregard this sign and continue to try to sell merchandise. Also call if they harass, intimidate, or threaten.

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