

**TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION**  
**CHAPTER 7 LICENSING AND REGULATING PEDDLERS**

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**3-7-1 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. A “peddler” is any person carrying or transporting goods or merchandise who sells or offers for sale for immediate delivery such goods or merchandise from house-to-house or upon the public street.
2. A “solicitor” is any person who solicits or attempts to solicit from house-to-house or upon public streets orders for commercial goods, wares, subscriptions, publications, periodicals, merchandise, or services to be delivered or fulfilled at a future date.

For the purposes of this chapter, “solicitor” does not include a person who contacts another person at such person’s residence without prior invitation to enlist support for or against, or solicit funds for patriotic, philanthropic, charitable, political, or religious purposes, whether or not there is an incidental purpose involving the sale of some goods or service.

3. A “transient merchant” includes every merchant, whether an individual person, a firm, corporation, partnership, or association, who brings or causes to be brought within the municipality any goods, wares, or merchandise of any kind, nature, or description, with the intention of temporarily or intermittently selling or offering to sell at retail such goods, wares or merchandise. Temporary association with a local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer, for conducting such transient business in connection with, as part of or in the name of any local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer, does not exempt any such person, firm or corporation from being considered a transient merchant. \

The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to apply to persons selling at wholesale to merchants, nor to persons running a huckster wagon or selling or distributing livestock feeds, fresh meats, fish, fruit or vegetables, nor to persons selling their own work or production either by themselves or their employees.

**3-7-2 EXEMPTIONS.** The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to news carriers, local scouts, Campfire Inc., Future Farmers of America, 4-H club members, and students of the North Linn School District conducting projects sponsored by their organizations or farmers who offer for sale products of their own raising.

**3-7-3 PERMITS.** Before any person or organization engages in any of the practices defined herein, they must comply with all applicable ordinances and must also obtain from the city clerk a permit in accordance with the provisions of sections 3-7-4 and 3-7-5. This permit shall extend to no

longer than sixty days. A fee of \$5.00 shall be paid at the time of registration to cover the cost of investigation and issuance.

**3-7-4 REQUIREMENTS.** Any applicant engaged in any activity described in 3-7-1 of this chapter must file with the city clerk an application in writing that gives the following information:

1. Name and social security number.
2. Permanent and local addresses and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.
3. A brief description of the nature of the sales method.
4. Name and address of the firm for on whose behalf the orders are solicited or the supplier of the goods offered for sale.
5. Length of time for which the permit is desired.
6. A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime, and if so, the date, the nature of the offense and the name of the court imposing the penalty.
7. Motor vehicle make, model, year, color and registration number, if a vehicle is to be used in the proposed solicitation.

**3-7-5 HOURS OF SOLICITATION.** No person may conduct those activities described in 3-7-1 except between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on each day and no solicitation shall be done on Sundays or legal holidays.

**3-7-6 CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW.** All solicitors and peddlers shall be informed of, agree to comply with, and comply with the state law, section 555A.3, Code of Iowa, requiring a notice of cancellation to be given in duplicate, properly filled out, to each buyer to whom such person sells a product or service and, comply with the other requirements of the law.

**3-7-7 BOND REQUIRED.** Before a permit under this chapter is issued, each person subject to this ordinance shall post with the clerk, a bond, by a surety company authorized to insure the fidelity of others in Iowa, in the amount of \$100 to the effect that the registrant and the surety consent to the forfeiture of the principal sum of the bond or such part thereof as may be necessary: (1) to indemnify the city for any penalties or costs occasioned by the enforcement of this chapter, and (2) to make payment of any judgement rendered against the registrant as a result of a claim or litigation arising out of or in connection with the registrant's peddling or solicitation. The bond shall not be retired until one year from the expiration of the permit.

**3-7-8 OBSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.** No person, while engaged in any of the practices described in 3-7-1, shall block or obstruct the path of any pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or block or obstruct any way of ingress or egress to roads, buildings or other enclosures or conveyances, including, but not limited to, vehicles, elevators and escalators.