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Sec. 8-381. - Definitions.

(a)

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Peddler means any person who travels by foot, motor vehicle or any other type of conveyance, from place to place; or stands in one place on public property, except when in front of the person's established business location, selling or offering for sale goods or services.

Solicitor means any person traveling either by foot, motor vehicle or any other type of conveyance from place to place seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods or services for future delivery or performance.

(b)

Neither the word "solicitor" nor "**peddler**" shall include any person who shall be engaged exclusively in wholesale sales to retail merchants.

(Code 1979, § 5.44.010)

Sec. 8-382. - Registration—Required.

It is unlawful for any person, either as a principal or agent, to conduct himself as a solicitor or **peddler**, as defined in this article, in the city, without first having registered in the manner herein provided.

(Code 1979, § 5.44.020)

Sec. 8-383. - Same—Exemptions.

(a)

Persons soliciting or **peddling** as the duly authorized representative or agent of any church, charitable, educational or fraternal organization, or of any political group seeking funds or membership shall be exempt from the registration requirements of this article.

(b)

Every honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States who served at least 180 days of active duty service in the armed forces or has a service connected disability as a result of that service and is a resident of this state has the right to sell his or her own goods within this city at no registration cost if the proceeds from the sale of the goods are to be used for the direct personal benefit or gain of that former member, by procuring a license for that purpose issued as provided in Public Act No. 359 of 1921 (MCL 35.441 et seq.)

(Code 1979, § 5.44.020)

Sec. 8-384. - Same—Procedure.

(a)

Generally. Any person desiring to conduct himself as a solicitor or **peddler**, as defined in this article, shall first file with the city clerk a written registration stating the registrant's name, date of birth, residence address, business address, mailing address, and a brief description of the type of goods or services which he intends to sell or offer for sale or for which he intends to seek to obtain orders for future delivery or performance.

(b)

Acceptance by city clerk. The completed registration shall then forthwith be turned over to the city police department which shall have the responsibility of verifying the contents of the registration. Upon receipt of written verification by the police department of the contents of the registration or upon the passage of three business days after the filing of the registration, whichever shall occur first, the city clerk shall accept the registration.

(c)

Notification in event of conflicts. In the event that the results of the investigation conducted by the police department conflict with the contents of the registration, the police department shall notify the city clerk thereof and the city clerk shall notify the applicant for registration, in writing, that the registration is not acceptable and shall state the reasons therefor.

(Code 1979, § 5.44.030)

Sec. 8-385. - Validity of registration.

A registration filed and accepted pursuant to this article shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the time and date of the acceptance or until December 31 of the same year, whichever is longer.

(Code 1979, § 5.44.040)

Sec. 8-386. - Prohibited acts.

The following conduct, in addition to any other conduct prohibited herein, shall be punishable as a violation of this article as provided in [section 20-1](#):

- (1) Entering a private residence under pretenses of entering for purposes other than soliciting or **peddling**;
- (2) Remaining in a private residence or on the premises thereof after the owner or occupant thereof has requested the solicitor or **peddler** to leave;
- (3) Going in and upon the premises of a private residence by such solicitor or **peddler** to solicit or **peddle** when the owner or occupant thereof has displayed a "No Soliciting" or "No **Peddling**" sign on such premises;
- (4) Soliciting or **peddling** at a private residence prior to 10:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.

(Code 1979, § 5.44.050)

Secs. 8-387—8-410. - Reserved.
