



Application for Registration or License

City Clerk's Office

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Applying for: Solicitor Peddler Canvasser

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Gender: _____ Color of Hair: _____ Eye Color: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Other Identifying Marks: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Type and Nature of Business: _____

Description of Product, Products, or Service Involved: _____

Source of/supplier of goods proposed to be sold or orders taken for the sale, and where such goods or products are located at the time said application is filed: _____

Length of time for which permission is desired to do business within the City of Plymouth: _____

State Tax Identification Number: _____

Names and addresses of at least two personal references who will certify as to the applicant's good character, business, and respectability:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

List of cities or towns where applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of the application:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor, or violation of municipal ordinances, other than traffic violations: Yes No

If Yes, describe the nature of the offense, as well as the punishment or penalty: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Copy of Driver's License: Yes *All applicants/ helpers must provide a copy, front and back, of the their license.

Photograph Included: Yes *See sec. 22-169 (7) below for photo specifications.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED TRUTHFULLY.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Names and addresses of additional applicants involved with this application process:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

*Photos for additional applicants are required. See sec. 22-169 (7) below for photo specifications. If you have more applicants than listed, attach a second sheet. Please note that the address on the application MUST match the address on the driver's license.

APPROVED: DENIED: _____ INITIALS OF CITY CLERK

APPROVED: DENIED: _____ INITIALS OF POLICE AUTHORITY

ARTICLE VI. - PEDDLERS AND CANVASSERS

Sec. 22-166. - Definitions.

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:

Canvasser means any natural person, whether a resident of the city or not, traveling either by foot, wagon, automobile, motor truck, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of each sale or whether he is collecting advance payments on such sales or not, provided that such definition shall include any person who, for himself, or for another person, hires, leases, uses, or occupies any building, structure, tent, railroad box car, boat, hotel room, lodginghouse, apartment, shop, or any other place within the city for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples and taking orders for future delivery.

Peddler means any natural person, whether a resident of the city or not, traveling by foot, wagon, automotive vehicle, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, carrying, conveying or transporting goods, wares, merchandise, magazines, meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, garden truck, farm products, or provisions, offering and exposing the same for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers, or who, without traveling from place to place, shall sell or offer the same for sale from a wagon, automotive vehicle, railroad car, or other vehicle or conveyance, and including one who solicits orders and as a separate transaction makes deliveries to purchasers as a part of a scheme or design to evade the provisions of this article shall be deemed a peddler subject to the provisions of this article. The word "peddler" shall include the words "hawker" and "huckster."

(Code 1982, § 7.51(1), (2))

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 22-167. - Exemptions.

- (a) Newsboys and persons traveling on an established route at the request, express or implied, of their customers, are not to be considered within the definitions of peddler or canvasser under this article.
- (b) The following exemptions from the license fee requirements of this article shall apply: mechanics and artisans selling products of their own manufacture; farmers selling their own products, either produced by themselves or by their regular farm employees; any person who is soliciting for goods, wares, merchandise and foodstuffs who has first obtained a license pursuant to Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921 (MCL 35.441 et seq., MSA 4.1241 et seq.); but all such persons must furnish satisfactory proof to the city clerk that they are the one and same persons that they represent themselves to be, and they must agree to comply with all terms and conditions of this article and upon so doing the city clerk shall furnish a license free of charge.
- (c) The following exemptions from all provisions of this article shall apply: persons soliciting orders for goods, wares, merchandise and foodstuffs from retail or wholesale dealers; vendors of wares, merchandise and foodstuffs at a definite business location in the city; and philanthropic or charitable organizations where sale or solicitation has been approved by the city manager or city commission.

(Code 1982, § 7.51(3)—(5))

Sec. 22-168. - License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler or canvasser within the city without first obtaining a license therefor.

(Code 1982, § 7.52)

Sec. 22-169. - Application.

Applicants for a license under this article must file with the city clerk a sworn application in writing on a form to be furnished by the city clerk, which shall give the following information:

- (1) Name and description of the applicant.
- (2) Address (legal and local).
- (3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.
- (4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with the credentials establishing the exact relationship.
- (5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.
- (6) If a vehicle is to be used, a description of the same, together with license number or other means of identification.
- (7) A photograph of the applicant, taken within 60 days immediately prior to the date of the filing of the application, which picture shall be two inches by two inches showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner.
- (8) The fingerprints of the applicant and the names of at least two reliable property owners of the county who will certify as to the applicant's good character and business responsibility, or, in lieu of the names of references, any other available evidence as to the good character and business responsibility of the applicant as will enable an investigator to properly evaluate such character and business responsibility.
- (9) A sworn statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, or violation of any municipal ordinance, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.

(Code 1982, § 7.53)

Sec. 22-170. - Investigation and issuance.

- (a) Upon receipt of such application, the original shall be referred to the chief of police, who shall cause such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character to be made as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good.
- (b) If as a result of such investigation the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the chief of police shall endorse on such application his disapproval and his reasons for the same, and return the application to the city clerk, who shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no license shall be issued.
- (c) If as a result of such investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the chief of police shall endorse on the application his approval, execute a license addressed to the applicant for the carrying on of the business applied for and return such license, along with the application to the city clerk, who shall, upon payment of a prescribed license fee, in an amount to be determined from time to time by the city commission, deliver to the applicant his license.

(Code 1982, § 7.54)

Sec. 22-171. - Transfer.

No license, badge or other identification issued under the provisions of this article shall be used or worn at any time by any person other than the one to whom it was issued.

(Code 1982, § 7.55)

Sec. 22-172. - Restrictions on minors.

No male under 12 years of age and no female under 18 years of age shall engage in any peddling or canvassing in the city. No male under 17 years of age shall engage in any peddling, or canvassing during school hours, unless legally excused from school, or for a combined school and work period of more than eight hours in any one day.

(Code 1982, § 7.56)

Sec. 22-173. - Time limitation.

No person shall engage in any peddling or canvassing between sundown and 8:00 a.m. or on Sundays or holidays.

(Code 1982, § 7.56)

Sec. 22-174. - Loud noises and speaking devices.

No peddler or canvasser nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, make any outcry, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound device, including any loudspeaker, radio or sound amplifying system upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the city or upon any private premises in the city where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the streets, avenues, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such licensee proposes to sell.

(Code 1982, § 7.57)

Sec. 22-175. - Use of streets.

No peddler or canvasser shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location, nor shall he be permitted to operate in any congested area where his operations might impede or inconvenience the public. For the purpose of this article, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested or the public impeded or inconvenienced.

(Code 1982, § 7.58)

Sec. 22-176. - Exhibition of license.

Peddlers and canvassers are required to exhibit their licenses at the request of any citizen or police officer.

(Code 1982, § 7.59)

Sec. 22-177. - Fall festival.

During the fall festival held in the city each and every year, no new license shall be issued by the city clerk for the solicitation, sale or vending of any goods, wares or merchandise under the provisions of this article unless and until the city commission gives approval therefor. The city commission may consult with the Fall Festival Committee in granting or denying such license. No licensee, previously licensed under this article, shall engage or conduct any business during the period in which the fall festival is held in the city in that area bounded by Harvey, Wing, Harding, Maple, Hamilton, Roe, Union and Church Streets.

(Code 1982, § 7.60)

Sec. 22-178. - Clubs.

This article and the fees prescribed for licenses under this article shall be applicable to all fraternal organizations, service clubs and organized clubs and groups of all kinds; and such clubs and groups shall comply with the provisions of this article, except that such clubs and groups, upon written application to and consent of the city commission, shall be permitted to conduct one event per year without obtaining a license.

(Code 1982, § 7.61)