

REGULATIONS FOR SOLICITATION

As stated in the City ordinances of Burleson:

A person shall not engage in solicitation activities in the city without first registering with the city and obtaining a registration certificate and identification badge from the Police Department. Minors who are engaged in solicitation activities involving fund-raising for nonprofit organizations, charitable organizations, religious organizations, civic organizations, or public or private schools or groups directly affiliated with such schools are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

The registration certificate must be carried by the solicitor while engaging in solicitation activities. The solicitor shall also wear the identification badge so that it may be easily read by those being solicited. If a badge becomes damaged, the solicitor shall return it to the city and receive a replacement badge. A registration certificate and an identification badge shall be used only by the person to whom they were issued and may not be transferred to another person.

A solicitor shall not engage in solicitation activities:

- (1) Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.;
- (2) On public property without first procuring authorization from the city council;
- (3) at a residence or business that has a sign posted giving clear notice that solicitors are not welcome, such as “no solicitors” or words of similar meaning;
- (4) on Sundays, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day; or
- (5) after having been verbally informed by the resident that the solicitation is not welcome.

If a person uses a vehicle in solicitation activities, there must be a sign located in a conspicuous place on the vehicle, identifying the name of the person or the company or organization that the person represents. If the name is an individual, it must be followed by the word “solicitor”. The lettering on the sign must be at least two and one-half inches high.

A registration certificate may be revoked or suspended for any of the following reasons:

- 1) fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement contained in the application for registration;
- 2) fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement made by a solicitor in the course of conducting solicitation activities;
- 3) conducting solicitation activities which were not described in the application;
- 4) conviction within the last five years for a felony, misdemeanor, or ordinance violation involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, a sex offense, trafficking in controlled substances, or any violent acts against persons or property
- 5) violation of the regulations listed above
- 6) conducting solicitation activities in such a manner as to create a public nuisance, constitute disorderly conduct, or endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle, hawk, sell, solicit, or take orders for any services, wares, merchandise, or goods on parking lots, streets, rights-of-way, medians, or sidewalks within the City of Burleson, or any other location at which the City of Burleson has not issued a certificate of occupancy for the activity conducted, unless the activities involve:

- 1) a City-sponsored or authorized festival or carnival;
- 2) a sidewalk or parking lot sale conducted by a merchant whose permanent place of business is immediately adjoining; or
- 3) the sale of Christmas trees between November 15 and December 25.