

6.64.010 Permit required--Exceptions--Violation and penalty.

A. Before any salesman, solicitor or representative engaged in obtaining orders or making sales directly to the consumer or user of goods, wares or merchandise to be delivered immediately or in the future, shall solicit such orders or make such sales in the general services district, he shall obtain a solicitor's permit; provided, that subscriptions to papers or magazines shall be regarded as within the definition of goods, wares, or merchandise.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to charitable solicitations or to persons engaged in the sale of daily newspapers and food products. Further, the provisions of this section shall apply only to those persons engaged in door-to-door sales in predominantly residential areas.

C. Violations of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as provided in Section 1.01.030 of this code.

(Ord. 95-1329 § 2 (part), 1995; prior code § 37-1-1)

6.64.020 Permit--Application.

Any person subject to the provisions of this article shall file a written application for a permit with the metropolitan police department, which application shall state:

A. The name, age and residence of the applicant;

B. The name and address of the person represented by him;

C. Sufficient facts to show the financial responsibility of the principal;

D. The hours and location where the applicant will be soliciting;

E. Evidence of the authority of the applicant and the extent thereof;

F. The kind, character and prices of the goods, wares and merchandise to be offered to the consumer; and

G. A copy of the contract used in obtaining orders or making sales.

In addition to the information contained in the application required, the person seeking a permit shall provide a current photograph of the applicant.

(Ord. 96-527 § 1, 1996; prior code § 37-1-2)

6.64.030 Permit--Fee amount and disposition--Expiration.

Upon approval by the metropolitan police department of the application, the applicant shall pay a fee of twenty dollars for each person who shall solicit within the area of metropolitan government to the metropolitan police department. All funds received by the metropolitan police department shall be deposited in the general fund of the general services district. The police department shall make a proper notation on the application that the fee has been paid, and the applicant shall take a copy of the application, together with a current photograph, to the metropolitan clerk, who shall issue the permit which shall include a current photograph of the solicitor. All permits issued under the provisions of this section shall expire one year from the date of issuance.

(Ord. 96-527 § 2, 1996)

6.64.040 Permit--Prohibited when--Bond required when.

- A. The metropolitan police department shall refuse to issue a permit if:
1. An investigation reveals the financial responsibility of the principal is questionable;
 2. There is no proof as to the authority of the agents to represent the principal;
 3. The location and time of solicitation would endanger the safety and welfare of the solicitors or their customers or users; or
 4. The applicant falsified any information on the application.
- B. Where the applicant is rejected because the financial responsibility of his principal is questioned, he may obtain a permit upon executing a surety bond in the sum of five thousand dollars to insure to the benefit of any person who may suffer any loss by reason of any order or sale made by the applicant.
- C. The bond shall be deposited with the metropolitan clerk.
(Prior code § 37-1-4)

6.64.050 Permit--Display upon demand.

Any person who has obtained a permit under this article shall display such permit on their person at all times when making a sale, obtaining an order from any person, or engaging in commercial solicitation in any manner, and shall exhibit such permit to any police officer whenever requested by such officer.
(Ord. 96-527 § 3, 1996)

6.64.060 Permit--Cancellation and revocation.

The metropolitan police department shall cancel any permit issued under the provisions of this article upon conviction of the salesman, solicitor or representative of any offense of the metropolitan government or the laws of the State of Tennessee related to the sale of goods, wares or merchandise. Further, the violation of any condition of the permit, failure to display a permit upon demand by a metropolitan police officer or falsifying information on the application for a permit shall be grounds for revocation of the permit.
(Prior code § 37-1-6)

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