



Rules Governing Peddling and Soliciting in Hopkins

Rules governing peddling and soliciting are contained in Section 1145 of the Hopkins City Code. Below are excerpts from that Section:

1145.07: Nonprofit organizations shall furnish all of its members, agents, or representatives conducting the peddling or solicitation credentials, in writing, stating the name of the organization, name of agent and purpose of the peddling or solicitation.

1145.15: Practices Prohibited

Subd. 1. Signs. Any resident of the City or business employee who wishes to exclude peddlers or solicitors from premises occupied by the resident or business may place upon or near the usual entrance to such premises a printed placard or sign bearing the notice: "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited". Such placard shall be at least 3¾ inches long and 3¾ inches wide and the printing thereon shall not be smaller than 48 point type. No peddler or solicitor shall enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises, where such placard or sign is placed and maintained. No person other than the person occupying such premises shall remove, injure or deface such placard or sign.

Any resident of the City or business employee who wishes to exclude the deposit of advertising handbills, advertising circulars and other advertising materials from the premises occupied by the resident or business may place upon or near the usual entrance to such premises a printed placard or sign bearing the notice: "Depositing of Handbills, Circulars, Advertising Material Prohibited". Such placard shall be at least 3¾ inches long and 3¾ inches wide and the printing thereon shall not be smaller than 48 point type. No person shall enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises where such placard or sign is placed and deposit any advertising handbills, advertising circulars or other advertising material. No person other than the person occupying such premises shall remove, injure or deface such placard or sign.

Subd. 3. Hours. No peddler or solicitor shall enter upon any residential or business premises for the purpose or carrying on his or her trade or business between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. April 1 to October 31 or between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. November 1 to March 31, unless such person has been expressly invited to do so by the owner or occupant thereof.

Subd. 4. Loud Noises and Speaking Devices. No permittee, nor any person in his/her behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the City or upon private premises 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 permittee proposes to sell.

