

Excerpts from City of Clearwater Solicitation Permit Ordinance

DIVISION 2. PERMIT

Sec. 23.32. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person not holding a solicitor's permit in the city or a valid license by the state to sell or otherwise offer for sale real estate or any interest in real estate to go in, on or upon any public building, street, sidewalk, beach, park or other public place within the city or any private residence, apartment or premises in the city for the purpose of soliciting from the occupants thereof or to canvass for orders for goods, wares, merchandise or services of any character or description or to canvass for customers to purchase real or personal property or any interest in such real or personal property or for the purpose of offering to give or to furnish or giving or furnishing any goods, wares, merchandise or services to any such occupants to induce or invite such orders, without first having applied for and received from the chief of police a solicitor's permit so to do.

(Code 1980, § 76.20(a))

Sec. 23.34. Issuance.

The police chief shall issue a solicitor's permit to an applicant who is not otherwise disqualified by section 23.35(1), which permit shall expire on September 30 next following the date of issuance of the permit.

(Code 1980, § 76.23(e))

Sec. 23.36. Carrying; exhibition.

Permits issued under this division shall be carried at all times by the applicant to whom issued, when soliciting or canvassing in the city, and shall be exhibited by any such applicant whenever he shall be requested so to do by any police officer or any person solicited.

(Code 1980, § 76.24)

Sec. 23.37. Revocation.

Any permit issued under this division may be revoked by the chief of police for violation by the holder thereof of any of the ordinances of the city or of any state or federal law.

(Code 1980, § 76.25)

**CITY OF CLEARWATER
CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 21 OFFENSES***

***Cross reference(s)**--Municipal code enforcement board, § 2.211 et seq.; intoxicating substances in parks and recreation areas, § 22.57; gambling in parks and recreation areas, § 22.58.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 21.01. State misdemeanor; penalty.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to commit within the city any act which is or shall be recognized by the laws of the state as a misdemeanor, and the commission of such acts is hereby forbidden.

(2) Whoever shall violate the provisions of this section upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding the sum of \$500.00, or imprisonment in jail for not exceeding 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the judge.

(Code 1980, § 150.01)

Sec. 21.16. Definition of solicitor; prohibition against solicitors entering upon the property of a private residence posted with a "No Solicitation" sign; exemption.

(1) "Solicitor" as used in this section means all persons seeking funds or services of any kind for any purpose or seeking to sell, give or in any way dispose of goods, services, wares, merchandise, newspapers, or written material of any kind, regardless of whether the person is engaged in a commercial transaction or in a religious, educational, political, scientific, philanthropic, benevolent, fraternal, charitable or any other noncommercial activity.

(2) No solicitor shall willfully enter upon the property of a private residence when the owner or occupant thereof has posted or placed near or at the entrance of the property a sign containing the words "No Solicitation" or a substantially similar message in letters easily read by a person approaching the property. Said signs shall be posted or placed in a manner and in such position as to be clearly noticeable to a person approaching the property.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person or business representative invited upon the property by an inhabitant of the property or by an inhabitant's agent.

(Ord. No. 5781-95, § 1, 3-16-95)