

TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT

CHAPTER

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14 "BUSINESS", ARTICLE XVII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT, ENTITLED "SOLICITATIONS"

It is ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Narragansett as follows:

ARTICLE XV. SOLICITATIONS

Sec. 14-600. 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:

Charitable means and includes benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, social service and civic or fraternal.

Contributions means and includes the receipt of anything of value, including the loan of money. *Educational* and *education* have the meaning commonly accepted therefor.

Person includes any individual, firm or partnership, corporation, company, association or joint stock association, church, religious sect, religious denomination, society, organization or league, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or agent or similar representative thereof.

Religious and *religion* have the meaning commonly accepted therefor.

Solicit and *solicitation* mean the request, either directly or indirectly, for money, credit, property, financial assistance or other thing of value or any plea or representation that such money, credit, property, financial assistance or other thing of value will be used for charitable or religious or commercial purposes.

Sec. 14-601. Hours restricted.

No solicitation shall be permitted anywhere in the town except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Sec. 14-602. Effect of no solicitation signs.

Any person residing in the town may affix to the entrance of such person's residence a sign approximately four inches square containing the legend "no solicitations." Any person

required to have a permit pursuant to this article who shall make or attempt to make any solicitation or sale at a residence so marked shall be deemed to have violated this section.

Sec. 14-603. Violations.

Any person who violates this article or who files or causes to be filed an application for a permit made pursuant to this article containing false or fraudulent statements or who utilizes or employs fraudulent means in connection with any solicitation shall be deemed to have violated this article. Such violation shall be prosecuted in Municipal Court and, upon conviction thereof, such person shall be punished in accordance with section 1-14.

Sec. 14-604. Required.

No person, group of persons or representatives of any charitable organizations, including any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, social service, civic or fraternal or religious organizations or persons representing organizations of any kind, nature or purpose whatsoever, shall solicit donations, contributions, subscriptions or memberships or in any other manner solicit within the town without having first received a permit from the Police Chief pursuant to this division.

Sec. 14-605. Application.

An application for a permit required under this division shall be made to the Police Chief on a form provided by the Police Chief. Such application shall be sworn to in duplicate and filed with the Police Chief at least 14 days prior to the time when the permit applied for shall become effective. Applications for permits required under section 14-604 shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name, address and date of birth of the person applying for the permit.
- (2) If the applicant is not an individual, the names, addresses and dates of birth of the applicant's principal officers or directors.
- (3) The name, address and contact number of the person in charge of conducting the solicitation and the names and addresses of any persons who will conduct such solicitation, together with a statement as to whether or not any such person has been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and if so, the nature of such offense, the date of such conviction and the sentence imposed, if any.
- (4) If motor vehicles are to be used in conducting the solicitation, the description and registration number of all such vehicles.
- (5) The dates and hours of the solicitation and a brief outline as to the methods to be used in conducting the solicitation.

Sec. 14-606. Issuance; term.

Upon compliance with section 14-605, the Police Chief shall review the information submitted for completeness and accuracy. If the Chief finds that the application is complete and accurate and the applicant is not disqualified due to a criminal conviction, the Chief shall issue a permit to the applicant for the period requested, which period shall not exceed one year. Any applicant convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, violence, fraud, theft or domestic violence shall not be eligible for a permit.

Sec. 14-607. Transferability.

Any permit issued under this division shall be nontransferable and shall be returned to the Police Chief within three days of its expiration, together with all facsimile copies thereof.

Sec. 14-608. Fee.

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