**Guide to Peddler, Solicitor, and Transient Merchant Licensing**

**Overview**

Holstein's ordinance (Chapter 122) protects residents against fraud, unfair competition, and privacy intrusion by requiring licenses for peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants operating within city limits.

**Who Needs a License?**

**Peddlers**: Individuals carrying goods/merchandise who sell or offer items for immediate delivery from house to house or on public streets.

**Solicitors**: Individuals who request contributions, donations, or orders for future delivery of goods/services from house to house or on public streets.

**Transient Merchants**: Individuals who conduct temporary/itinerant business from a building, structure, or vehicle within city limits.

**License Application Process**

1. Submit written application to the City Clerk including:
	* Your name
	* Permanent and local address
	* Business address (if applicable)
	* Employer information (if applicable)
	* Nature of your business
	* Last three places of business
	* Requested license duration
2. Pay application and license fees (as set by City Council resolution)
3. For transient merchants only: Provide proof of bond filed with Iowa Secretary of State per Chapter 9C of Iowa Code

**License Requirements**

* Licenses are issued immediately once application is complete and fees are paid
* Licenses are non-transferable
* Operating hours: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM only
* Peddlers/solicitors must keep license in possession and show upon request
* Transient merchants must publicly display license at place of business

**License Revocation**

Licenses may be revoked for:

* Fraudulent statements in application or business conduct
* Violation of ordinance or conducting business unlawfully
* Endangering public welfare, health, safety, order, or morals

The revocation process includes:

* 10-day advance notice to licensee
* Hearing with City Clerk
* Right to appeal to City Council
* One-year prohibition on obtaining new license after revocation

**Exemptions**

The following are exempt from licensing requirements:

1. Newspaper delivery persons and subscription sellers
2. Members of local civic/service clubs and youth organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA)
3. Local residents and farmers selling their own products
4. Galva-Holstein Community School District students (organization-sponsored projects)
5. Route delivery persons who only incidentally solicit additional business
6. Persons selling products for business/institutional resale or use
7. Minor-operated businesses (under age 18, operating on-site, no more than 89 days per year)

**Charitable and Nonprofit Organizations**

Organizations operating under Chapter 504 of Iowa Code are exempt from application fees but must submit:

* Name and purpose of the cause
* Names and addresses of officers/directors
* Duration of activities
* Information about any commissions, fees, or wages

**Questions?**

For more information, please contact the City Office at 712-368-4898.