

This brochure was created to provide a brief summary of the City of Minneapolis' business license requirements. It is intended to educate our business partners on some of the best ways to protect your company from common license violations.

Solicitors and Peddlers License



LICENSE REQUIRED

The following requires a business license:

PEDDLERS: A person who goes house-to-house, door-to-door, business-to-business, street-to-street or any other type of place-to-place movement for selling goods/products. A city identification card is required and must be displayed at all times.

A license application for peddler can be obtained at www.minneapolismn.gov.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SOLICITOR: A person who goes house-to-house, door-to-door, business-to-business, street-to-street or any type of place-to-place movement for the purpose of orders goods/services/products. A solicitor may be carrying a catalog or samples.

A certificate of registration and identification card is required for all solicitors but issued at no cost to the individual solicitor. A solicitor must wear/display the registration or identification card at all times.



SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION CARD

NO LICENSE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No license or registration is required for a **non-commercial door-to-door advocate/canvasser**. A non-commercial door to door advocate/canvasser is a person who goes door-to-door for the purpose of giving out religious, political, social or other ideological beliefs including giving out pamphlets.

PROHIBITED

1. A peddler may not sell food. Please check our website at www.minneapolismn.gov for further information on the sale of food products.
2. Use of a horn or whistle, ringing any bell, crying out, or by any other noise.
3. Obstructing the free flow of traffic, either vehicles or pedestrians.
4. Conducting business before 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. or sunset whichever is later.
5. Using false or misleading statements about the product or service being sold.
6. Remaining on the property when asked to leave.
7. Using the license or registration of another.

Exclusion by Placards

Unless specifically invited by the property owner or tenant, no peddler, solicitor or transient merchant shall enter private property when the property is clearly marked with a sign or placard excluding peddler, solicitor or transient merchant allowed. The sign must be at least 4" X 4" with a 48 point font.



What Happens If You Are in Violation?

1. Expect a letter, telephone call, or visit from a License Inspector describing the complaint or violation.
2. Take this notice seriously. Call your inspector for information or solutions.
3. Failure to comply with violation orders may result in citations, fines, suspensions, and revocation of your license to operate.

A complete set of requirements may be found in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO):

www.minneapolismn.gov/government/ordinances

Questions? Give us a call: 612-673-2080

For more information in other languages: Para asistencia 612-673-2700 - Rau kev pab 612-673-2800 - Hadii aad Caawimaad u baahantahay 612-673-3500.