

TITLE VI - REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND VOCATIONS  
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CHAPTER 161  
PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

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161.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to protect residents of the City against fraud, unfair competition and intrusion into the privacy of their homes by regulating peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants.

161.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

1. "Peddler" means any person carrying goods or merchandise who sells or offers for sale for immediate delivery such goods or merchandise from house to house or upon the public street.
2. "Solicitor" means any person who solicits or attempts to solicit from house to house or upon the public street any contribution or donation or any order for goods, services, subscriptions or merchandise to be delivered at a future date.
3. "Transient merchant" means any person who engages in a temporary or itinerant merchandising business and in the course of such business hires, leases or occupies any building or structure whatsoever, or who operates out of a vehicle which is parked anywhere within the City limits. Temporary association with a local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer, or conduct of such transient business in connection with, as a part of, or in the name of any local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer does not exempt any person from being considered a transient merchant.

161.03 REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Any person engaging in peddling or soliciting in the City without first registering with the Clerk. Such registration shall be filed with the Clerk and shall contain the following information:

1. Such person's name, local address and business address, if any, driver's license number and vehicle description.

2. The name and address of such person's parent company or employer, if any.
3. The nature of the business and length of time such business is to be carried on.
4. Any other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the Clerk.

161.04 EXEMPTIONS. The following are excluded from the application of this chapter.

1. Residents. Any resident of the City.
2. Club Members. Members of local civic and service clubs, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and similar organizations.
3. Local Farmers. Local farmers who offer for sale their own products.
4. Students. Students representing the Vinton-Shellsburg School District conducting projects sponsored by organizations recognized by the school.
5. Route Sales. Route delivery persons who only incidentally solicit additional business or make special sales.
6. Resale or Institutional Use. Persons customarily calling on businesses or institutions for the purposes of selling products for resale or institutional use.
7. Religious and Charitable Organizations. Authorized representatives of local religious and charitable organizations desiring to solicit money or to distribute literature.

161.05 TRANSIENT MERCHANT BOND. Any transient merchant desiring to do business in the City shall first register with the Clerk and provide to the Clerk evidence that said transient merchant has filed a bond with the Secretary of State in accordance with Chapter 9C of the Code of Iowa.

161.06 TIME RESTRICTION. Peddlers and solicitors shall conduct their business only between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and seven o'clock (7:00) p.m.

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