

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 2017-14

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
AMENDING CHAPTER 208 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CAPTIONED
“PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”**

WHEREAS, on a periodic basis, the Township of Waterford reviews the Code of the Township of Waterford in order to provide necessary updates; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this review, it has been determined appropriate to amend Chapter 208 of the Township Code captioned “Peddling and Soliciting” as set forth hereinbelow.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 208 of the Code of the Township of Waterford captioned “Peddling and Soliciting” is hereby amended in the following manner:

1. Section 208-3 captioned “Definitions” is amended for the following definition:
MERCHANDISE (PEDDLER, HAWKER, VENDOR, SOLICITOR OR
CANVASSER)

This definition shall include all goods, wares, foods, fruits, vegetables, farm products, books, magazines, periodicals, printed materials, arts, crafts, orders or contracts for services, home improvements or alterations, and anything that may be sold or distributed by peddlers or solicitors and all kinds of articles of personal property for personal and/or domestic use.

2. Section 206-6 captioned "Application for License" shall be amended to include a new paragraph I and L and a revised paragraph O as follows:

I. Three business references located in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, or in lieu thereof, such other available evidence of the character and business responsibility of the applicant as will enable an investigator to properly evaluate such character and responsibility.

L. The fingerprints of the applicant, which cost shall be paid by the applicant.

O. The time of soliciting, peddling, hawking, vending and canvasing shall be between the hours of 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. or sunset, whichever occurs earlier, Monday through Saturday.

a. The aforesaid time limitation shall apply unless such a person or permit holder has been invited to a dwelling by an occupant of said dwelling, or shall have previously made an appointment with the occupant of the dwelling. When the sale or attempted sale of the Merchandise is not involved, and canvasing and soliciting is in connection with a political campaign or charitable or religious organization recognized as tax exempt under the United States Internal Revenue Code, solicitation may take place from 9 A.M. to sunset, Monday through Sunday, unless other arrangements have been made with the occupant.

3. Section 208-8 captioned "Investigation and Issuance" shall be amended as follows:

A. Upon receipt of a properly completed and signed application, the original thereof shall be referred immediately by the Township Clerk to the Township Chief of Police who shall cause to be made within 30 days such investigation of

the applicant's business and moral character as the Chief of Police deems necessary for the protection of the public welfare.

B. Upon completion of the investigation, the Chief of Police shall endorse thereon his/her approval or disapproval and, if disapproval, his/her reasons therefor, and immediately notify the applicant that the application has been disapproved. The application, so endorsed, shall be promptly returned to the Township Clerk.

C. Any determination by the Chief of Police that an application is unsatisfactory shall be based on one or more of the following findings with respect to the applicant:

1. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.
2. Prior violation of a peddling or soliciting ordinance.
3. Previous fraudulent acts or conduct.
4. A public record of breaches of previous solicited contracts.

E. An approved and endorsed application returned to the Township Clerk by the Chief of Police shall include a Township issued Identification Badge. The Identification Badge shall include the name of the applicant and expiration date of the license. Upon payment of the prescribed license fee as hereinafter set forth, the Township Clerk shall execute and deliver the license to the applicant. The applicant shall be required to display the Identification Badge at all times by wearing it on the outside of the applicant's clothing in a conspicuous manner. The Township Clerk shall keep a record of all licenses issued to applicants, the

fee received and any and all complaints made by Township residents concerning each licensee.

4. Section 208-10 captioned "Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Registration Fee. Any application for peddler, hawker, vendor, solicitor, canvassers and seasonal sales vendor shall be required to pay a fee of \$50.00 to the Township Clerk to cover the cost of processing the application and investigation of the facts stated therein in order for a license to be issued.
- B. License Fee. Any application for a peddler, hawker, vendor, solicitor, canvasser license shall be required to pay a fee of \$175.00 to the Township for the issuance of the license. Any application for a Seasonal Sales Vendor License shall be required to pay a fee of \$300 to the Township for the issuance of the license.
- C. Township Issued Identification Badge. The fee for the Township identification badge is \$25.00 to cover the cost of processing and creating the badge, unless exempted under Paragraph D.

5. Section 208-11 captioned "Duration of License: Peddlers, Hawkers, Vendors, Solicitors, and Canvassers" shall be amended to read as follows:

All Licenses issued under this Section of this Charter shall expire at the end of six months from the date of issuance of the License. Licenses shall not be transferrable and must be surrendered after expiration before a Renewal License can be issued.

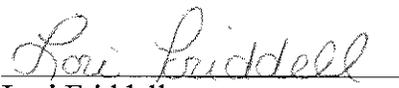
F. Section 208-15 captioned "Existing Licenses" shall be amended to read as follows:

Any licenses already issued under Chapter 208 of the Code of the Township of Waterford prior to the effective date of this Amended Ordinance shall expire on December 31, 2017. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit or prohibit an existing license applicant from reapplying for a new license under this Article prior to that date.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 3. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.


Lori Friddell
Township Clerk


William Richardson, Mayor

Introduced: April 12, 2017
Hearing: April 26, 2017
Adopted: April 26, 2017

Certified to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford at a regular meeting held on April 26, 2017 at the Waterford Township Municipal Building.

Date: April 26, 2017


Lori A. Friddell, RMC
Township Clerk