



City of Shoreline Municipal Code

Article VI. Solicitors

5.07.610 Definitions.

A. A “master solicitor” is a person or firm which employs or uses agents or employees to act as solicitors.

B. A “solicitor” is any person who sells, offers for or exposes for sale or who trades, deals or traffics in any services, magazines, periodicals or any other personal property at retail in the city, by going from house to house or by indiscriminately approaching individuals; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be deemed applicable to any salesman or canvasser who solicits trade from wholesale or retail dealers in the city. [Ord. 345 § 2, 2004]

5.07.620 License application.

A. Any person seeking to engage in business as a master solicitor shall file a written application for such license with the clerk on the form provided.

B. Any person seeking to engage in business as a solicitor shall file a written application for such license with the clerk on the form provided. [Ord. 345 § 2, 2004]

5.07.630 License application – Exemptions.

A. This chapter shall not apply to the selling of personal property at wholesale to dealers in such articles or commodities, shall not apply to persons who deliver daily or weekly newspapers, and shall not apply to any organization, association or corporation desiring to solicit, or have solicited in its name, donations of money or property or financial assistance of any kind or desiring to sell or distribute any item of literature or merchandise for a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Any person or organization claiming an exemption under this section shall file with the clerk a copy of the current 501(C)3 form attesting to its nonprofit status, which shall be considered to demonstrate the application of this section and the right to such exemption.

B. This chapter shall not apply to bona fide candidates, campaign workers and political committees campaigning on behalf of candidates or on ballot issues and persons soliciting signatures of registered voters on petitions to be submitted to any governmental agency. [Ord. 345 § 2, 2004]

5.07.640 License regulations – Order requirements.

All orders taken by licensed solicitors shall be in writing, in duplicate, stating the name of the solicitor, as it appears on the license, the solicitor’s permit number as issued under this chapter, the address of both the solicitor and his employer, the terms of the order of agreement, and the amount of money or checks paid to the solicitor. One copy of such order or agreement shall be given to the purchaser. [Ord. 345 § 2, 2004]

5.07.650 Carrying license required.

The solicitor’s license shall be carried at all times when soliciting or canvassing in the city and shall be exhibited whenever requested to do so by a police officer, any city official, or any persons solicited or canvassed. [Ord. 345 § 2, 2004]