

ORDINANCE NO. 581

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CANVASSING, SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS; REQUIRING LICENSING AND PROVIDING THE COST THEREOF; PROHIBITING DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING, PEDDLING AND CANVASSING; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN ZONING AREAS AND OTHER CRITERIA WHERE PEDDLING IS PERMITTED; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 307; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Mexico Beach that an ordinance concerning canvassing, solicitation and peddling be passed now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH:

Section 1. Peddler Licensing Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a peddler without first obtaining a City of Mexico Beach Peddler's License. The registrant shall give his complete identification, his signature, the name of his employer, the nature of the products or services in which he intends to peddle, written permission from the property owner where the peddling will occur.

Section 2. Fee. Each registrant shall pay to the City Clerk a licensing fee of \$50.00 for the period expiring six months after the date of said licensing, or \$15.00 for a 2-day license. No city license shall be issued involving the sale of retail food products, neither temporary nor permanent without prior approval by the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Section 3. Canvassing or Soliciting. No person shall solicit or canvass within the corporate limits of the City of Mexico Beach.

Section 4. Exceptions. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to the following:


- (1) Sales made to permanent merchants by commercial dealers selling in the usual course of business
- (2) Solicitations or sales made by charitable institutions
- (3) Canvassing or soliciting for political reasons concerning federal, state, county or local elections
- (4) Youth-oriented organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school-related fund raisers, etc.

Section 5. Allowable Peddling Locations. Peddling is allowed in two (2) specific zoning categories: General Commercial and Tourist Commercial. The peddler must coordinate and obtain written permission from an existing or established business owner located in the zoning categories previously mentioned. Peddling from vacant property is not allowed. Any peddling which is proposed from a location on the beach also requires City Council approval.


Section 6. Violation. Any person or persons violating this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided by State Statutes.

Section 7. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. law.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 13, 2011, and ADOPTED at a regular meeting on October 11, 2011.


William A. Cathey, Mayor

Attest:



Deborah McLeod, City Clerk