

ORDINANCE NO. 79

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CANVASSING, SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PROVIDING THE TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS AND COST THEREOF; PROHIBITING NIGHTTIME AND SUNDAY SOLICITATION; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mexico Beach, Florida, has determined that it is to the best interests to the citizens of the Town of Mexico Beach that an ordinance regulating canvassing, solicitation and peddling be passed: Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH:

Section 1. Registration Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a canvasser, solicitor or peddler, calling at residences, without the previous consent of the occupant, for the purpose of soliciting orders, sales, subscriptions, or business of any kind, or seeking for information or donations without first having registered in the office of the City Clerk. The registrant shall give his complete identification, his signature, the name of his employer, the nature of the products or services in which he is interested, the names of the manufacturers of such products, or of the organization which is representative, and the proposed method of operation in the city.

Section 2. Fee. Each registrant shall pay to the City Clerk a registration fee of \$25.00 for the period expiring six months after the date of said registration. Such registration shall be renewable one time without charge. No fee shall be paid by registrants soliciting for charitable or non-profit organizations. There shall be an additional \$5.00 registration for each additional sales person of the same employer.

Section 3. Certificate. Each applicant who shows evidence good character and who pays the fee provided for herein shall

be furnished a certificate indicating that he or she has registered and showing the dates covered by such registration.

Each person shall at all times while soliciting or canvassing in the city carry upon his person the registration certificate and the same shall be exhibited by such registrant whenever he is required to do so by any police officer or by any person solicited.

Section 4. Exceptions. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to officers or employees of the city, county, state or federal government, or any subdivision thereof, when on official business.

Section 5. Revocation. Any such registration may be revoked by the Mayor or the Chief of Police because of any violation by the registrant of ~~THIS~~ ordinance or of any state or federal law, or whenever the registrant shall cease to possess the qualifications and character required in this ordinance for the original registration.

Section 6. Nighttime and Sunday solicitation prohibited. No person shall solicit, canvass or peddle within the city on Sunday, nor between the time of sunset and sunrise daily, except in conjunction with a recognized and publicized charitable fund drive.

Section 7. Penalty. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50.00 or imprisoned not more than ten (10) days.

Section 8. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCED at a Regular Council meeting of the Town Council on the 28th day of February, 1978, and ADOPTED by the Town Council on the 28th day of March, 1978.

TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

By M. L. (Bob) Hale
Mayor-Commissioner

TEST:

[Signature]
Town Clerk