

## **Peddler/Solicitor Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***“What is the definition of peddler and solicitor?”***

**"Peddler"** means every person who shall sell, offer for sale or expose for sale, or who shall trade, deal or traffic in any personal property at retail in the city, including sales by sample or for future delivery, by going from house to house or from place to place, or by standing in a doorway, or in any unenclosed space or parcel of land, or in any other place not used by such person as a permanent place of business, or by approaching individuals.

**"Solicitor"** means every person who shall seek contributions, seek signatures on a petition or ballot proposition, seek to support or oppose candidates for public office, seek to disseminate information, or seek to expound beliefs; or who seeks new members or supporters on behalf of any political, religious, fraternal, charitable or similar organization(s); or who shall distribute written or printed materials by going from house to house, or from place to place, or by standing in a doorway, or on any unenclosed space or parcel of land, or in any other place not used by such person as a permanent place of business, or by approaching individuals. Without limiting the foregoing, "solicitor" shall include persons who solicit on behalf of organized soccer leagues and little leagues, youth or senior organizations, girl scouts or boy scouts, and similar organizations.

### ***“What steps can I take to prevent peddlers and solicitors from coming to my door?”***

Citizens can post “No Trespassing”, “No Peddlers”, or “No Soliciting” signs or the like, on their property.

Pursuant to MCMC 5.08.050, no solicitor or peddler shall trespass, nor shall they go upon or enter the property or premises of another where the owner or occupant has indicated his or her desire by displaying signs that state “No Trespassing”, “No Peddlers”, or “No Soliciting” or the like.

### ***“What do I do if they do not leave my property?”***

Mill Creek citizens are encouraged to call 911 if peddlers or solicitors fail to leave their property after being asked to do so or if they fail to honor posted signs indicating the door-to-door contact is not welcomed.

### ***“Are peddlers and solicitors required to carry a City badge?”***

As of September 18, 2009, all peddlers or solicitors are required to complete a Peddler’s Information Form (PIF) prior to commencing their door-to-door activity and file such form at City Hall. Peddlers and solicitors will not be issued a City badge.

### ***“What are the hours of allowed door-to-door activity?”***

The hours of allowed door-to-door activity is 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Per MCMC 5.08.060, no person shall engage in the business or activity of door-to-door solicitation or peddling between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.