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Solicitors and Peddlers Ordinance Change

Effective September 18, 2009

Since 1994, the City has regulated peddlers (persons who engage in door-to-door retail sales activities) and solicitors (persons who engage primarily in door-to-door religious, fraternal, political, and charitable activities) as well as the hours in which they may operate.

In the intervening 15 years, constitutional law has advanced substantially in this area, specifically by reducing the City's regulatory authorities over any activities of solicitors, and limiting the authority to require permits and licenses even for peddlers.

On September 8, 2009 the Mill Creek City Council unanimously voted to adopt new regulations to streamline the city's municipal code with constitutional law which is based on the policy that peddlers and solicitors should be treated like any other person doing business in the City every day.

Effective Friday September 18, 2009, all Peddlers and Solicitors are required to complete a *Peddler's Information Form (PIF)* prior to commencing their door-to-door activity and will not be issued an identification badge. Hours of door-to-door activity will be between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

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 such as a no soliciting.

For more information regarding the changes in the Municipal Code please visit the FAQ's on the City's website at www.cityofmillcreek.com or search Municipal Code Chapter 5.08.