Chapter 24 - PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

ARTICLE I. - PUBLIC PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

24-1: - DEFINITIONS.

**Peddler:** Any person, not having any specific place of business or branch thereof in the County, who shall sell or offer for sale, barter, or exchange, at retail or wholesale, any goods, wares or merchandise, traveling from place to place in, along and upon the streets, alleys or public places of the County.

**Solicitor:** Any person who, without having a specific place of business in the County, is engaged in the business of calling from house to house and soliciting orders for any kind of goods, wares, merchandise or services but shall not, as used herein, include any person who solicits among the inhabitants of the County support for any religious, charitable or educational organization, but shall include any person who solicits subscriptions for any daily, weekly or other periodical or nonperiodical publication.

(2005 Code)

24-2: - LICENSE.

No person shall engage in the business of peddler or solicitor in the County, as defined in this chapter, without first having registered his name and the name of any firm which he represents with the Clerk of DuPage County.

(2005 Code)

24-3: - HOURS FOR PEDDLING AND SOLICITING; PENALTY.

No person shall go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door of a residence located thereon, or rap or knock upon any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in soliciting, selling or offering for sale, barter or exchange any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, from door to door at any place within the County except between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time when such is in effect, and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Central daylight saving time when such is in effect in the County. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for each offense.

(2005 Code)

24-4: - COUNTY POLICY ON SOLICITING.

It is hereby declared to the policy of the governing body of the County that the occupant or occupants of the residences of any area not within the corporate limits of a municipality shall make the determination of whether solicitors shall be, or shall not be, invited to their respective residences.

(2005 Code)

24-5: - NOTICE REGULATING SOLICITING.

Every person desiring to secure the protection intended to be provided by the regulations pertaining to soliciting contained in the chapter, shall comply with the following directions:
A. Notice of the determination by the occupant of giving invitation to solicitors, or the refusal of invitation to solicitors, to any residence shall be given in the following manner:

1. A card approximately three inches (3") by four inches (4") in size shall be exhibited upon or near the main entrance door to the residence, indicating such determination by the occupant, containing the applicable words as follows:

   NOTICE
   NO SOLICITORS INVITED
   DU PAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE PS-0009-97
   ENACTED AUGUST 26, 1997

2. The letters shall be at least one-third inch (1/3") in height. For the purpose of uniformity, the cards shall be provided by the sheriff to persons so requesting.

3. Such card so exhibited shall constitute sufficient notice to any solicitor of the determination of the occupant of the residence of the information contained thereon.

B. It shall be the duty of every solicitor upon going onto any premises not within the corporate limits of a municipality upon which a residence is located, to first examine the notice provided for above, if any is attached, and be governed by the statement contained in said notice. If the notice states "No Solicitors Invited" then the solicitor shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.

C. Any solicitor who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant.

(2005 Code)

24-6: - PROHIBITED ACTS.

It is hereby declared to be unlawful and shall constitute a nuisance for a solicitor to engage in any of the following activities:

A. Uninvited Soliciting: To go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in soliciting as herein defined in defiance of the notice exhibited at the residence in accordance with the provision of Section 24-5 of this article.

B. Time Limit On Soliciting: To engage in solicitation outside the time limits set forth in this article.

C. False Plans Or Schemes: To use any false plan, scheme, pretense or make any false statement which indicates or implies that the purpose of such person's visit is other than to obtain contributions or orders for sales of goods or services.

D. Right To Cancel: To misrepresent the right of a buyer to rescind or cancel a sale under the provisions of applicable law.

E. Interfering With Vehicles Or Pedestrians: To interfere with either vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the public right-of-way.

F. Sound Or Voice Systems: To use sound or voice amplification systems or other mechanical sound devices in any solicitation of peddling.

(2005 Code)

24-7: - PENALTIES.
Notwithstanding any other remedies available to the County pursuant to this chapter, any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day of which the violation occurs or continues to occur.

(2005 Code)

24-8: - RESERVED.

24-9: - RESERVED.


ARTICLE II. - COUNTY PROPERTY SOLICITING

24-10: - PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION OF NONWORK MATERIALS.

Employees are prohibited from soliciting and/or distributing nonwork related materials or literature during the working time of any employee involved in the solicitation or distribution.

(2005 Code)

24-11: - PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION IN NONPUBLIC WORK AREAS.

Employees are prohibited from distributing nonwork related materials or literature at any time in the nonpublic work areas of the County.

(2005 Code)

24-12: - PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION BY NONEMPLOYEES.

Nonemployees are prohibited from soliciting and/or distributing materials or literature under the following conditions:

A. During the working time of any employee involved in the solicitation or distribution;
B. At any time in the nonpublic work areas of the County.

(2005 Code)

24-13: - PROHIBITION AGAINST POSTING NONWORK MATERIALS.

Employees and nonemployees are prohibited from posting nonwork related materials or literature on County bulletin boards which are limited to County business.

(Ord. F-ORD-02-84, 3-13-1984)