

Door to Door Sales

Article 8, Section 3

No person or persons shall solicit, canvas, or distribute with intent to sell, any item or product door-to-door within the Town of Spencer without a License from the Chief of Police.

The provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to any person engaged in the pursuit of soliciting for charitable, benevolent, fraternal, religious or political activities, nor any person exempt by general law. This bylaw shall also not be construed to prevent a route salesman having established customers to whom they make periodic deliveries from calling upon such customers.

A solicitor or canvasser is defined as any person who, travels by foot, automobile or any other type of conveyance from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, taking or attempting to lease or to take orders for retail sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services.

Applicants for a license shall file with the Chief of Police, on a form issued by the Police Department, a written application signed under the penalties of perjury, containing the following information:

- (a) Name and home address of applicant
- (b) Name and address of employer
- (c) Applicant's height, weight, eye and hair color
- (d) Applicant's date of birth and social security number
- (e) Home, work and cellular telephone numbers
- (f) Email address
- (g) Nature of business and goods to be sold
- (h) If operating a motor vehicle: year, make, model, registration number, State of registration, vehicle's owner and address

At the time of filing the application, each applicant shall pay a fee of \$25.00 – check or money order made payable to the Town of Spencer. Upon receipt of the application, the Chief of Police shall investigate the applicant's reputation as to morals and integrity. Each licensee is required to possess an individual license.

A Door to Door sales person shall not be disrespectful or abusive in language or action and shall not employ unfair or deceptive practices during the course of their activities. No activities shall be conducted before 9am or after 7pm or at any time on Sundays or Holidays.

No license shall be issued to any person having been convicted of the following: a felony; a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than two years; a violent crime; a violation of any law regulating the use or possession of weapons or ammunition; a violation of any law regulating the use or possession of a controlled substances.

After an investigation, the Chief of Police shall endorse on such application his approval or disapproval. The Chief of Police is hereby vested with the jurisdiction over issuing and revoking of licenses. If the license is disapproved or revoked, the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the Town Administrator.

Each license issued under the provisions of the bylaw shall continue in force from the date of issue until the thirty-first day of December following, unless revoked sooner.

Whoever violates any provision of this bylaw shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00