



# TOWN OF ESSEX SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS LICENSE APPLICATION

Date:	Name (Last/First/Middle):		
Your Age:	Physical Description of Applicant:		
Permanent Street Address:		Home Phone Number:	
City/State/Zip:		Cell Phone Number:	
Have you ever been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor or disorderly conduct offense, other than motor vehicle violations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, state where (town and courthouse), and when you were convicted, and the nature of the offense and the penalty, if any:			
Email address:			
Name and address of person, company or organization represented:			
Describe business, goods or services:			
Business Website Address:		Business Phone Number:	
Dates for Solicitation:			
Hours: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm to _____ <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm			
Route of your business in the Town of Essex:			
Do you have or can you attach any relevant business literature to this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>Vehicle Information:</b>			
Make:		Model:	
Year:		Color:	
License Plate #:		Driver's License Number*:	
*Submit copy of driver's license for each person			

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**Please Note:**

1. Failure to disclose requested information, or any attempt to falsify any part of this application, is grounds for denial.
2. Any license issued shall be carried on your person at all times when operating within the town limits.
3. No license shall be issued to any person who has not obtained a permit to engage or transact business as a seller within the State of Connecticut in accordance with §12-409 of Connecticut General Statutes.
4. Any person violating the terms of this application, made pursuant to the Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 per offense against the provisions of this ordinance, and shall constitute a separate and distinct violation for each day that the offense continues. In addition to such penalty, the First Selectman may, upon notice of any such violation, forthwith revoke any license.
5. Include \$200 cash or check with this application

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Signature – Essex Police

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature – Essex First Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Essex Health Director  
(Only if activity involves food)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this application to:      First Selectman’s Office  
Town of Essex  
29 West Avenue  
Essex, CT 06426



## TOWN OF ESSEX

### LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR SOLICITORS, VENDORS, HAWKERS, AND PEDDLERS

Licensing procedures for solicitors, vendors, hawkers and peddlers is determined by Town Ordinances. A separate application is required for each salesperson, to be accompanied by an applicable fee (\$200) paid in cash or check.

A hawker or peddler is a person, whether principal or agent, who goes from place to place selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefore, any goods, wares of merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle. See Connecticut General Statutes §21-36.

No license is required for the following:

- a. A person that does not fall under the definition of a solicitor, vendor, hawker or peddler;
- b. For activities which come within constitutionally protected free speech and/or political advocacy. However, rights under those activities may be governed and/or restricted by other laws, such as those prohibiting trespass on private property;
- c. Sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms, gardens and greenhouses, including fruit, vegetables and flowers, or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods, to sales on approval, to conditional sales of merchandise, or to the taking of orders for merchandise for future delivery when full payment is not required at the time of solicitation. See General Statute §21-37.

Any application involving food vending to the public must be forwarded to the Health Department for review/approval prior to action by the First Selectman.

Every application should be submitted two (2) weeks in advance of the date the applicant wishes to begin, together with the fee established by Ordinance. The fee at this time is \$200.

Under Connecticut General Statutes, no license application fee is required for the following:

- a. An application for a limited solicitor, vendor, hawker and peddler license by an person, organization, society or association of a charitable, religious, patriotic, philanthropic or community nature;
- b. An resident of the state of Connecticut, who has resided within the state for a period of two (2) years next preceding the date of application for such license, and is a veteran who served in time of war, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes §21-36.

No such license shall be issued to any person who has not obtained a permit to engage or transact business as a seller within the State of Connecticut in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §12-409.



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### PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SOLICITORS, VENDORS, HAWKERS, AND PEDDLERS

Permitting procedures for solicitors, vendors and peddlers is determined by Town Ordinances. A separate application is required for each salesperson, to be accompanied by applicable fee (\$200) paid in cash or certified check.

Any application involving food vending to the public must be forwarded to the Health Department for review/approval prior to action by the First Selectman.

Every application should be submitted two weeks in advance of the date the applicant wishes to begin, along with the \$200 fee.

#### **Procedures:**

- a. The person is given an application to fill out.
- b. By Ordinance, there is a charge of \$200 upon receipt of the completed application.
- c. A copy of the person's driver's license or other photo ID will be taken at that time and attached to the application.
- d. The application is forwarded to the Police for review and sign off.
- e. If food is involved, the application is also forwarded to the Health Department for review and sign off.
- f. Once returned with appropriate reviews, it goes to the First Selectman for approval and signature.
- g. Each license is good for a period of one month. A separate application must be submitted for each additional month, with no further fees during a period of one year since the original permit started.
- h. Solicitors, peddlers, etc. must carry their permit on their person during all soliciting activities and must be shown upon request.

According to Ordinance, soliciting must desist at sunset and is not allowed in the following locations:

- a. Village of Essex – Main Street, South Main Street, North Main Street to Dennison Road, West Avenue between Grandview and Main Street, Pratt Street, Cross Street, Ferry Street, Latham Road, or Prospect Street.
- b. Village of Centerbrook – Main Street from the railroad track to the Elementary School, Middlesex Turnpike from Main Street North to the Falls River crossing.
- c. Village of Ivoryton – Main Street from the Post Office to the Ivoryton Inn.

No vehicle, cart, or wagon or other vehicle or container may be used by a licensee in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of vehicular traffic.

The First Selectman has the right to waive the \$200 permit application fee according to his/her discretion.

The First Selectman reserves the right to revoke the permit at any time if the applicant is deemed a nuisance or causes alarm. In such a case, the \$200 fee will not be returned.