



# Town of Essex, Selectman's Office

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## 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 applicable fee (\$200) paid in cash or certified 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 or 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 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 any person, organization, society or association of a charitable, religious, patriotic, philanthropic or community nature;
- b. Any resident of the state of Connecticut, who has resided within the state for a period of two 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.

**Procedures:**

The person is given an application to fill out.

By Ordinance, there is a charge of \$200 upon receipt of the completed application.

A copy of the person's driver's license or other photo ID will be taken at that time and attached to the application.

If food is involved, the application is also forwarded to the Health Department for review and sign off. Once returned with appropriate reviews, it goes to the First Selectman for approval and signature.

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.

Solicitors, vendors, hawkers and peddlers must carry their license on their person during all soliciting activities and must be conspicuously displayed at the place where the activities are undertaken.

According to Ordinance, soliciting must desist at sunset.

According to Ordinance, soliciting, vending, hawking and peddling 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 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 may, upon notice of any violation of the Ordinance regulating Hawkers and Peddlers, revoke any license. In such a case, the \$200 fee will not be returned.

# Town of Essex Solicitor, Vendor, Hawker and Peddler License Application

(Pursuant to Town of Essex Ordinance Regulation Hawkers and Peddlers,  
adopted June 26, 1985.)

**Name:**

**Age:**

**Permanent Address:**

**Local Address (if different from the above):**

**Home Phone:**

**Website Address:**

**Physical Description of Applicant:**

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**Name and address of person, company or organization represented:**

**Business Phone:**

**Have you ever been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor or disorderly conduct  
offense, other than motor vehicle violations?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, state where (town and courthouse and when you were convicted, the nature  
of the offense and the penalty, if any):**

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**Describe business, goods or services:**

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**Please provide the following information:**

Dates for solicitation:

Hours:

Route of your business in the Town of Essex:

Attach relevant business literature to this application:

**Vehicle information:**

Make:

Model:

Year:

Color:

License Plate #:

Driver's License #:

State of Issuance:

\*\*submit copy of driver's license for each person

**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 and shall be conspicuously displayed at the place where the activities are undertaken.
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 fee with this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectmen

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Health Director (if activity involves food)

# **Town of Essex Solicitor, Vendor, Hawker and Peddler Limited License Application**

**(For any person, organization, society or association of a charitable, religious, patriotic, philanthropic or community nature pursuant to Town of Essex Ordinance Regulation Hawkers and Peddlers, adopted June 26, 1985, Section 10.)**

**Name of Organization:**

**Cause supported by solicitation:**

**Name, address and telephone number of principle officer of organization**

**List names and addresses of those who will participate on behalf of this organization:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide specific dates that activities will take place (must not exceed 14 days)**

**Describe business, goods or services to be sold:**

Approved: by

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_