



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

DATE: October 14, 2011
SUBJECT: DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

Door-to-door solicitation is a popular topic at most of the Neighborhood Watch and homeowner's association meetings that we attend, so we would like to take the opportunity to make sure all of our subscribers are up to date on the county's new ordinance regulating such activity. Complete information, as well as the full text of the ordinance, can be found on the Business License website here: [Door-to-Door Solicitation Information](#)

The Hall County Board of Commissioners regulates door-to-door sales to protect the safety of residents while providing a proper avenue for businesses to sell goods at residences and commercial establishments. Soliciting with a permit is allowed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, not on Sundays or holidays.

Who needs a permit?

Anyone who plans to go door-to-door selling a product or service must get a permit. Exemptions include political candidates, religious ministry, fundraising by school-age children, bonafide 501c3 charitable organizations. Each employee soliciting for a licensed business must obtain a permit.

How much does a permit cost?

\$100 per person per two-week period. A permit may be renewed an additional two weeks per calendar year for \$50.

What is required to obtain a permit?

Applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age at the time of application.
- Be a citizen of the United States or a legal alien.
- File an application for a permit with the business license director.
- Provide photo identification, as well as vehicle information
- Undergo a criminal history check.
- Describe what products or services will be sold.
- Obtain a business license from the business license director or be the agent or employee of a firm, or individual with a valid business license. Proof of employment shall be two current pay check stubs, or evidence of an employment agreement.

How does this ordinance keep Hall County residents safe?

1. We know who is knocking on your door. A permittee undergoes a background check and submits identification information for each vehicle being used during solicitation. This information is provided to the Hall County Sheriff's Office. No one with a conviction of a crime of moral turpitude, which is conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty, or good morals (sex crimes, robbery, etc.).
2. You know who is knocking on your door. Each solicitor must wear an identification badge issued by the Business License Director at all times and show other photo ID if requested by any citizen, homeowner, resident, or law enforcement personnel. In addition, solicitors must speak English, so they can understand you when you ask them for ID or tell them to leave.
3. A solicitor cannot remain on the property after you have asked him or her to leave. And no solicitor may revisit your home within a six-month period.

As always, call 9-1-1 to report a suspicious person in your neighborhood. The Hall County Sheriff's Office and Hall County Marshal's Office will enforce this ordinance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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