

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1721-19

SESSION OF 2019

Approved on first reading

This day 17th of Jan 2019

Members of City Council:

WILLIAMSON, ALLISON, SLAUGHTER
MIELE, KATZ, NOVIELLO, HENDERSON

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This day 31 of Jan 2019

AN ORDINANCE

6355

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 321 PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT THAT
ARTICLE 321 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 321

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| 321.01 License required; exceptions. | 321.05 License suspension or revocation. |
| 321.02 Trespassing in violation of posted signs. | 321.06 Stopping and parking. |
| 321.03 License application, investigation and fee. | 321.07 Center City Mall (repealed) |
| 321.04 Hours and business restrictions. | 321.99 Penalty. |

CROSS REFERENCES

General power to levy license taxes - see 3rd Class §2601
(53 P. S. §37601)

Selling from parked vehicles prohibited - see TRAF. 521.09

321.01 LICENSE REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS.

No person shall sell or offer for sale, order or exchange, or go from door to door soliciting the purchase of, or gift of any products, wares, merchandise or other articles of value or any money, or any services, in any place, in, upon, along or through the streets, alleys or other public places within the City, unless he is the holder of a license which is in full force and effect and issued pursuant to provisions of this article. Such person shall at all times have the license with him while exercising such calling, and shall exhibit the license to any police officer, official or City resident upon demand. Persons, who without compensation or remuneration, solicit on behalf of or for any publicly recognized religious, educational, civic, charitable organization and newspaper carriers along their regular delivery routes are not required to obtain a license as provided herein.

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321.02 TRESPASSING IN VIOLATION OF POSTED SIGNS.

No person, whether licensed or not, while engaged in any profit solicitation, shall knock at the door or ring the bell of any home, apartment, apartment building or other dwelling unit in the City upon which is displayed at the entrance a notice which reads "No Peddlers or Solicitors Allowed", or which otherwise clearly purports to prohibit peddlers or solicitors on the premises, unless such peddler or solicitor is or has been invited upon the premises by the owner, licensee or occupant thereof. This section shall not be applicable to persons who, without compensation or remuneration, solicit in behalf of or for any publicly recognized religious, educational, civic or charitable organization.

(Ord. 4593 §2. Approved 8-23-73.)

321.03 LICENSE APPLICATION, INVESTIGATION AND FEE.

(a) Any person required to have a license under Section 321.01 and who desires to engage in the business of a peddler or solicitor shall make application in person for a license at the Williamsport Police Department. Upon receipt of the application, the applicant shall provide the proper background check information as required and additional information as deemed necessary by the Williamsport Police Department to the character of the applicant and the business to be conducted to protect the interest of the City residents.

(b) Upon approval by the Police Chief or his designee, the applicant shall pay a license fee as provided in Section 117.03(p), depending on the term of the license applied for. (Ord. 4593 §3. Approved 8-23-73.)

321.04 HOURS AND BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS.

(a) No person whether licensed or not shall engage in any profit solicitation before the hour of 9:00 a.m. or after the hour of 5:00p. m. nor on Sundays or on any legal holiday.

(b) No licensed peddler or solicitor shall engage in or transact any type of business or solicitation other than that specified on the license application.

(Ord. 4593 §4. Approved 8-23-73.)

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321.05 LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

The Police Chief or anyone acting on his behalf may suspend or revoke any peddler's or solicitor's license for violation of any City ordinance, false or incorrect information submitted on the license application or for any fraud or misrepresentation made in the solicitation. Such person whose license is suspended above may not apply for a new license thereafter until one complete calendar year after such revocation or license suspension. (Ord. 4593 §5. Approved 8-23-73.)

321.06 STOPPING AND PARKING.

All peddlers or solicitors shall comply with Article 521 of the Codified Ordinances regulating the stopping and parking of motor vehicles.
(Ord: 5045 §1. Approved 6-5-80.)

321.07 CENTER CITY MALL.

Repealed

321.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this article shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), or the maximum provided by State law, or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.
(Ord. 5535 §1. Approved 9-5-91.)

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final enactment.

Enacted this 31st day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:

Janice M. Frank
Janice M. Frank, City Clerk

Jonathan Williamson
Dr. Jonathan Williamson President
Williamsport City Council

This ordinance approved/vetoed this 31st day of January, 2019.

Gabriel J. Campana
Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
City of Williamsport, PA