

ORDINANCE NO. 02-19

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND CANVASSING
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO
AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockford, Ohio desires to prohibit Peddling, Soliciting and Canvassing within the Village limits of Rockford, Ohio.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Definitions As used in this Ordinance, certain terms are defined as follows:

(A) "Peddling" means any person who travels door to door, either by foot, automobile, truck, bicycle, golf cart, or any other type of conveyance and calls upon places of business or residential properties, including any house, apartment or other dwelling within the Village of Rockford, to sell, barter, bargain to sell, take or solicit orders for goods, wares, merchandise or personal property of any nature whatsoever for immediate or future delivery or for services to be furnished or performed immediately or in the future.

(B) "Soliciting" means any person seeking to obtain funds for any cause whatsoever by traveling door to door either by foot, automobile, truck, bicycle, golf cart, or any other type of conveyance in calling upon places of business or residential properties, including any house, apartment or other dwelling within the Village of Rockford.

(C) "Canvassing" means any person who calls at places of business or residential properties, including any house, apartment or other dwelling, without the invitation or previous consent of the owners or occupants of such premises for the purpose of any one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Seeking to obtain from the occupant of any business place or residence an indication of such occupant's belief in regard to any social, political, religious or similar matters; or
- (2) Seeking to influence the personal belief of the occupant of any business place or residence in regard to any social, political, religious or similar matters; or
- (3) Taking a poll or census of any person, firm or entity other than a governmental body or agency thereof.

SECTION 2: Prohibition Peddling, Soliciting and Canvassing as defined above are strictly prohibited in the Village of Rockford, Ohio.

SECTION 3. Exceptions This Ordinance shall not apply to:

(A) Solicitation by an adult or minor for a charitable or non-profit organization and local school district fundraising drives.

(B) Newspaper carriers to subscribers of newspapers which are regularly delivered or will be regularly delivered.

(C) Any person or entity engaged in the sale and delivery of food products to customers along their regular delivery routes.

SECTION 4: Penalty Whoever violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of:

(A) A minor misdemeanor on the first offense;

(B) A misdemeanor of the 4th degree on the second offense;

(C) A misdemeanor of the 3rd degree on each subsequent offense.

Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 5: Effective Date This Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

SECTION 6: Inconsistent Legislation All legislation inconsistent herewith shall be, and hereby is, repealed.

Passed on this 8 day of 6, 2019.

Attest:

Josua Kuhn
Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Amy Joseph
Mayor

[Signature]
President of Council

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