



HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



APPLICATION TO SOLICIT / CANVASS

1. Any person who wishes to solicit/canvass in the Town of Hudson must first complete an **Individual Application** and **Organizational Application** to solicit which can be obtained on the Hudson Police Department webpage <https://www.townofhudson.org/police-department>
2. Drop off or mail in both the applications to the Hudson Police Department at 911 Municipal Drive, Hudson, MA 01752. Attention Lieutenant Tom Crippen
3. The Individual Application (for the individual soliciting) must include a copy of a non-expired driver's license or government issued photo ID and a non-refundable cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$100.00 payable to: Town of Hudson. (No cash)
4. Upon receipt of the (1) Individual Application, the (2) Organization Application and (3) Payment a background check of the applicant will be conducted.
5. Once the background check has been completed the applicant will be called in for final verification of the application. At that time the permit will be issued.
6. All permits will be good for a maximum of 90 days from the date of issuance.

Town of Hudson Bylaws define Solicitor and shall mean and include any one or more of the following door-to-door activities: (a) selling, or seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods or services, including advertising in any type of publication, for any kind of consideration whatsoever; (b) selling, or seeking to obtain prospective customers for application for purchase of insurance of any kind. (c) selling, or seeking to sell subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers or any other type of publication; (d) seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, or any valuable thing for the support or benefit of any association, organization, corporation or project wholly or in part for 90 commercial purposes or by a professional solicitor or commercial co-venturer for a charitable or other non-commercial organization; and (e) seeking to obtain information on the background, occupation, economic status, political affiliation, attitudes, viewpoints, or the like of the occupants of a residence for the purpose of selling or using such data, wholly, or in part, for commercial purposes.



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INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

D.O.B. _____ P.O.B. _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE# _____ STATE LICENSE ISSUED: _____

****A NON-EXPIRED STATE LICENSE OR GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION****

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ COLOR: HAIR _____ COLOR: EYES _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION SOLICITING FOR _____

ORGANIZATION CONTACT SUPERVISOR SOLICITING FOR _____

SUPERVISOR EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL/OFFICE # _____

NATURE OF SOLICITATION/CANVASSING _____

IS THIS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION? _____ IF ANSWER IS YES PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DIVISION OF PUBLIC CHARITIES

*IF YOU ARE YOU A PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION PROVIDE CONTRACT COPY

*IF YOU ARE A COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURE FOR A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION PROVIDE CONTRACT COPY

HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME WITHIN THE PAST TEN YEARS? _____

IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS (ATTACH SEPERATELY) _____

IF YOU WILL BE USING A MOTOR VEHICLE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ COLOR _____

REGISTERED OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

REGISTRATION# _____ STATE _____ EXP. _____

SOLICITOR/CANVASSER REGISTRATION PERIOD REQUESTING: (90 DAY MAXIMUM)

START DATE: _____ ENDING DATE: _____

****A FEE OF \$100.00 WILL BE PAID TO THE TOWN OF HUDSON BEFORE ISSUANCE (CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER).****

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all statements made on or in connection with this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



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ORGANIZATIONAL APPLICATION

ORGANIZATIONAL NAME _____

ORGANIZATIONAL ADDRESS _____

ORGANIZATION CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

ORGANIZATION TELEPHONE # _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR FOR THS APPLICATION _____

SUPERVISOR E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL# _____

NATURE OF SOLICITATION/CANVASSING _____

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LIST THE LAST THREE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN SOLICITING:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

WHILE IN HUDSON, WHO WILL BE SUPERVISING THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT(S):

NAME: _____ E-MAIL _____ CELL/OFFICE # _____

LIST THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE SOLICITING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION:

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____ CELL# _____

NAME: _____ E-MAIL _____ CELL# _____

****A FEE OF \$100.00 WILL BE PAID FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS SOLICITING TO THE TOWN OF HUDSON BEFORE ISSUANCE (CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER). ****

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all statements made on or in connection with this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

TOWN OF HUDSON BY-LAW

Section 47. Door to Door Soliciting and Canvassing

47.1 Purpose

This by-law adopted pursuant to Chapter 43B, Section 13, of the General Laws and Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, establishes registration requirements and specific operational requirements for persons intending to engage in door-to-door canvassing or solicitation in the Town of Hudson in order to protect its citizens from disruption of the peaceful enjoyment of their residences and from the perpetration of fraud or other crimes; and, to allow for reasonable access to residents in their homes by persons or organizations who wish to communicate either commercial or non-commercial messages.

47.2 Definitions:

For the purpose of this By-law, the following definitions shall apply: 47.2.1 "Soliciting" shall mean and include any one or more of the following door-to-door activities: (a) selling, or seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods or services, including advertising in any type of publication, for any kind of consideration whatsoever; (b) selling, or seeking to obtain prospective customers for application for purchase of insurance of any kind. (c) selling, or seeking to sell subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers or any other type of publication; (d) seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, or any valuable thing for the support or benefit of any association, organization, corporation or project wholly or in part for 90 commercial purposes or by a professional solicitor or commercial co-venturer for a charitable or other non-commercial organization; and (e) seeking to obtain information on the background, occupation, economic status, political affiliation, attitudes, viewpoints, or the like of the occupants of a residence for the purpose of selling or using such data, wholly, or in part, for commercial purposes. 47.2.2 "Canvassing" shall mean and include any one or more of the following door-to-door activities: (a) person-to-person distribution of literature, periodicals, or other printed materials for commercial purposes, but shall not include placing or dropping off printed materials on the premises; (b) seeking to enlist membership in any organization for commercial purposes; and (c) seeking to present, in person, organizational information for commercial purposes. 47.2.3 "Residence" shall mean and include every individual dwelling unit occupied for residential purposes by one or more persons. 47.2.4 "Registered solicitor" shall mean any person who has obtained a valid certificate of registration from the Town as required by this By-Law. 47.2.5 "Charitable organization," "Professional solicitor" and "commercial co-venturer" shall be defined as set forth in Chapter 68, Section 18, of the General Laws.

47.3 Registration:

Every person or organization intending to engage in soliciting or canvassing door-to-door in the Town of Hudson must apply for a permit with the Chief of Police by filing a registration application form with the Hudson Police Department. Applications for both individual and organizational registrations shall be filed at least seven (7) business days in advance. 47.3.1 ORGANIZATION APPLICATION FORMS shall

include the following information: (a) The name and address of the organization applying for registration, and the names and addresses of the organizations' principal officers. If the organization is a charitable organization, a certification that the most recent Annual Registration Statement required to be filed with the Attorney General's Division of Public Charities has been so filed. If the organization is a professional solicitor or a commercial co-venturer for a charitable organization, a copy of the contract with the charitable organization must be provided with this application. Failure to include a copy of the contract with the charitable organization under such circumstances will render the application incomplete and no action will be taken thereon; (b) The name, title and phone number, IRS or Social Security number and valid driver's license or other government-issued photo identification of the persons filing the application form; (c) The names, addresses and phone numbers of the person(s), if any, who will be directly supervising the solicitation or canvassing operation in the Town of Hudson; (d) A list of the names, addresses, dates of birth of all individuals who will be employed in solicitation or canvassing, in the Town of Hudson, by the applicant; (e) Period of time for which certificate of registration is needed provided, however, that no certificate may be granted for longer than a 90-day period; 91 (f) Names of the last three communities, if any, in which the organization has conducted a solicitation or canvassing operation, complete with the date issued and date expired; and (g) Insurance information and license, if applicable. 47.3.2 Individual registration forms shall be required for all individuals, including those who are affiliated with an organization registered under Section 47.3.1 hereof. Individual registration forms shall contain the following information: (a) Name and address of the present place of residence and length of residence at that address; if less than three years residence at present address, the address of residence(s) during the past three years; (b) Date of birth; (c) Name, address and telephone number of the person or organizations whom the applicant represents and the length of time the applicant has been associated with or employed by that person or organization. If the individual is a professional solicitor or a commercial co-venturer for a charitable organization, a copy of the contract, if any, with the charitable organization must be provided with this application. Failure to include a copy of the contract with the charitable organization under such circumstances will render the application incomplete and no action will be taken thereon; (d) Period of time for which certificate of registration is needed provided, however, that no certificate may be granted for longer than a 90-day period; (e) Name of the last three communities, if any, in which the applicant has solicited or canvassed door-to-door, complete with the date of issue and expiration date; (f) Valid driver's license or other government issued photo identification; and (g) Make, model and registration number of any vehicle to be used by the applicant while soliciting or canvassing.

47.4 Registration Fee:

There shall be a \$100.00 application fee for an individual registration card or reregistration. There is no application fee for organizational applicants that apply for registration or re-registration.

47.5 Registration Cards:

47.5.1 The Police Chief or his designee, after a review, but in no event more than seven (7) business days after receipt of a fully-completed application, shall furnish each person with a registration card which shall contain the following information: (a) The name of the person; (b) A recent photograph of the person; (c) The name of the organization, if any, which the person represents; (d) A statement that the individual has been registered with the Town of Hudson Police Department but that registration is not an endorsement of any individual or organization; and (e) Specific dates or period of time covered

by the registration. 92 47.5.2 Persons engaged in solicitation or canvassing as defined in this By-Law must carry the registration card while soliciting or canvassing and present the card to any person solicited or upon the request of any police officer. 47.5.3 Registration cards are valid only for the specific dates or time period specified thereon and in no case for longer than 90 days. 47.5.4 The Police Chief shall routinely grant registrations without further inquiry but shall refuse registration to an organization or an individual whose registration has been revoked for violation of this By-Law within the previous two-year period or who has been convicted¹ of murder/manslaughter, rape or any other sex crime, kidnapping, robbery, arson, burglary/breaking and entering, felony assault, illegal possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon distribution of any illegal narcotic drugs, felony larceny, three (3) or more misdemeanor assaults or three (3) or more misdemeanor larcenies, as such persons pose a substantial degree of dangerousness to minors and other persons vulnerable to becoming victims of the violent crimes so listed. The Police Chief shall also refuse to register a person who is a sex offender required to register with the Massachusetts Sex Offenders Registry Board, or any other similar governmental entity, and who is classified or considered to be at a moderate to high risk of re-offending. Such individuals pose a substantial degree of dangerousness to minors and other persons vulnerable to becoming victims of sex crimes.

47.6 Exceptions:

47.6.1 Registration shall not be required for officers or employees of the Town, County, State or Federal governments when on official business. 47.6.2 Individual registration shall not be required for minors under the age of 17. 47.6.3 Nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to impose any registration requirement or otherwise restrict or in any way regulate any activity for religious, political, newspaper distribution or public policy purposes or other non-commercial purposes, regardless of whether such activity includes acts that would otherwise constitute soliciting or canvassing.

47.7 Duties of Persons Going Door-to-Door:

47.7.1 Upon going into any residential premises in the Town of Hudson, every solicitor, canvasser or other person must first examine any notice that may be posted prohibiting solicitation or other activities. If such a notice is posted, the solicitor, canvasser or other person shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises. 47.7.2 Any solicitor, canvasser or other person who has gained entrance to any residence, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises when requested to do so by the occupant. 1 For the purposes of this By-Law, a "Continued without a finding" or other similar disposition will be considered the same as a conviction. 93 47.7.3 Immediately upon gaining entrance to any residence, each solicitor or canvasser as defined in this By-Law must do the following: (a) Present his registration card for inspection by the occupant; (b) Request that the occupant read the registration card; and (c) Inform the occupant in clear language of the nature and purpose of his business and, if he is representing an organization, the name and nature of that organization.

47.8 Restrictions on Methods of Solicitation, Canvassing, or Other Door-to-Door Activities:

It shall be unlawful for a solicitor, canvasser or other person to do any of the following: (a) Falsely represent, directly or by implication, that the solicitation, canvassing or other activity is being done on

behalf of a governmental organization, or on behalf of any municipal employee or elected official; (b) Solicit, canvass or conduct any other activity at any residence where there is a posted sign prohibiting the same, without express prior permission of an occupant; (c) Solicit, canvass or conduct any other activity at any residence without express prior permission of an occupant, before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m., where there is no sign posted otherwise limiting solicitation or the hours of solicitation or such other activities; (d) Continue to solicit, canvass or conduct activities after being advised by police of the registration requirements or after a registration certificate has been revoked or denied; (e) Utilize any form of endorsement from any department head currently employed or serving the Town of Hudson; and (f) Solicit, canvass or conduct any other activity at any residence in an illegal fashion.

47.9 Penalty:

47.9.1 Any person or organization who violates Sections 47.7.2, with an accompanying signed statement of the offended party, or 47.8 of this By-Law, or any other applicable state or federal laws may be arrested and punished by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each and every offense, in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Town of Hudson. 47.9.2 Any person or organization who for himself, itself, or through its agents, servants or employees is found after investigation by a police officer to have: (a) violated any provision of this By-Law, or any applicable state or federal laws governing soliciting or canvassing; or (b) knowingly provided false information on the registration application shall have his, her or its registration revoked by the Chief of Police by written notice delivered to the holder of the registration in person, or sent to the holder by certified mail at the address set forth in the application. 94

47.10 Appeals:

Any person or organization who is denied registration or whose registration has been revoked may appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the Board of Selectmen. Such appeal must be filed within 5 days after receipt of the notice of denial or revocation. The Board of Selectmen shall hear the appeal at its next scheduled meeting after the filing of the written notice of appeal, provided, however, that if the Board of Selectmen fails to make a determination within 30 days after the filing of the appeal, the registration shall be deemed granted or reinstated as the case may be. 47.11 Severability Invalidity of any individual provision of this By-Law shall not affect the validity of the By-law as a whole. Section 48 - Prohibition of motorized vehicles on the A