CITY OF HOOD RIVER
Application for Solicitor's License
Annual Fee - $107 And $13 per background check per employee (Non-refundable) HRMC 5.12
All annual licenses expire on December 31st

Today's Date _____
Date of requested license: From _____ to _____

Name _____
All names previously used: _____
Address (home) _____
Telephone (home)_____ (cell) _____
E-mail address _____
DOB: _____ Sex: _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____
Driver's License # _____ State _____ Expires _____
(This is required in order to facilitate a criminal background check)

Employer or Business Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Credentials establishing relationship with employer _____
_____

Vehicle(s) to be used: Make /Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
License # _____ State _____

Make /Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
License # _____ State _____

Describe the specific nature of business and goods to be sold or services to be performed:
_____
_____
_____

Has applicant ever been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, or violation of any municipal ordinance? Yes/No If yes, please give further details: _____
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_____
_____

Attach a recent photograph. *A copy of your current driver's license is acceptable.*

5.12.010 Definitions. The following words as used in this chapter are defined as follows:

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By signing this permit I am stating that I have read it in its entirety and agree to comply with all applicable ordinances, resolutions and policies of the City of Hood River. "I certify all information given on this application, and any supporting information, is true and complete. I hereby authorize the City of Hood River to make all necessary contacts and/or inquiries needed to check my background, and to ensure I qualify for this permit. I also hereby authorize the City of Hood River to conduct a criminal background check and obtain a copy of my criminal record, if any. All references are authorized to release to the City of Hood River all information requested which they might have about me. I hereby release all references and the City of Hood River from any liability which might be claimed because of information provided by such references or background checks."

_____ _____

Date Signature of Applicant

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TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY:

Fee ($107):_____ (Date Paid) Receipt #: _____

Routing: Recommendation:

_____ Police _____

_____ Other _____

____APPROVED (or) ____ APPROVED (with Conditions)_____

DENIED (Reason for Denial) _____

LICENSE #: _____ ISSUED: _____

CITY RECORDER

Chapter 5.12
PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

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Legislative History: Ord. 921, 1949; Ord. 1527, 1983; Ord. 1577, 1986; Ord. 1730, 1996; Ord. 1777, 1999

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B. "Person" includes the singular and plural, and means and includes any person, firm or corporation, association, club, co-partnership or society or any other organization.

5.12.020 Permit and license – Required.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler or solicitor as defined in Section 5.12.010 within the corporate limits of the city without first obtaining a permit and license therefor as provided in this chapter.

5.12.030 Permit and license – Application – Required information – Fee.

Applicants for permit and license under this chapter must file with the City Recorder a sworn application in writing, on a form to be furnished by the City Recorder, which shall give the following information:

A. Name and description of the applicant;

B. Address (legal and local);

C. A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold or services to be performed and in the case of products of farm or orchard whether produced or grown by the applicant;

D. If employed, the name and address of the employer together with credentials establishing the exact relationship;

E. The length of time for which the right to do business is desired;

F. If a vehicle is to be used, a description of the same, together with a license number or other means of identification;

G. A photograph of the applicant taken within sixty days immediately prior to the date of the filing of the application, which picture shall be two-inch by two-inch, showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner;

H. A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor or violation of any municipal ordinance, the nature of the offense and the punishment or the penalty assessed therefor;

I. At the time of filing the application the applicant shall pay a nonrefundable investigation fee set by Council resolution.

5.12.040 Permit and license – Investigation and issuance – Surety in lieu of investigation.

A. Upon receipt of such application, the same shall be referred to the Chief of Police who shall cause such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character to be made as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good, and who shall make a report thereof to the City Recorder within a period of thirty days from the date of the filing of the application.

B. If, as a result of such an investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse on the application his disapproval and his reasons for the same, and return such application to the City Recorder who shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit and license shall be issued.

C. If, as a result of such an investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse on the application his approval, execute a permit addressed to the applicant for the carrying on of the business applied for and return the permit, together with the application to the City Recorder, who shall, upon payment of the prescribed license fee, deliver to the applicant his permit and issue a license. Such license shall contain the signature of the issuing officer and shall show the name and address of the licensee, the type of or class of license issued, the kind of goods to be sold or the services to be performed there under, the amount of fee paid, the date of issuance and the length of time the same shall be operative, as well as the license number and other information identifying the description of any vehicle used in such peddling. The City Recorder shall keep a permit record of all licenses issued.

D. If any applicant for a permit and license is unwilling to receive a license only upon the conclusion of a thirty-day period of investigation as provided in this section, and he desires the issuance of a license immediately upon application for such permit, he may deposit with the City Recorder a cash or good and sufficient surety bond in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned upon the making of final delivery of the goods ordered or services to be performed in accordance with the terms of such order or failing therein, that the advanced payment of such order be refunded. Thereupon such license or licenses may immediately be issued. Any person aggrieved by the action of any peddler or solicitor shall have a right of action on the bond for the recovery of money or damages or both. Such bond shall remain on deposit for a period of six months after the expiration of such license, unless sooner released by the City Council.

5.12.050 Investigation fee – Waiver.

No investigation fee required to be paid under Section 5.12.030 shall be required of any person selling goods or merchandise or performing services on a purely nonprofit basis for charitable, educational or religious benefit, or if a person claims to have the right under state or federal law to peddle or solicit in the city without payment of an investigation fee, provided such facts are established by the applicant to the satisfaction of the City Recorder.

5.12.060 License – Revocation.

Any license may be revoked by the City Recorder for the violation of any of the ordinances of the city or of any state or federal law, and whenever such peddler or solicitor, in the judgment of the City Recorder, ceases to possess the character and qualifications required by this chapter for the issuance of such permit.

5.12.070 Appeals procedures.

Any person aggrieved by the action of the Chief of Police or City Recorder in the denial of an application for permit or license as provided in Section 5.12.040, or in the decision with reference to the revocation of a license as provided in Section 5.12.060, shall have the right of appeal to the Council. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Council within ten days after notice of the action complained of has been mailed to such person's last known address, a statement setting forth fully the ground for appeal. The Council shall set a time and place for a hearing of such appeal and notice of such hearing shall be given to the applicant by the mailing thereof, postage prepaid to the appellant, at his last known address, at least five days prior to the date set for hearing. The decision and order of the Council on such appeal shall be final and conclusive.

5.12.080 License – Expiration.

All annual licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in the year when issued. All other licenses shall expire on the date specified in the license. Any licensee holding an expired license shall, in order to obtain a new license, make application therefor and follow all of the requirements of this chapter as fully as if no license had ever been issued to him.

5.12.090 License – Exhibition requirements.

Peddlers or solicitors are required to exhibit their licenses at the request of any police officer or of any citizen.

5.12.110 Exclusivity of location use and public inconvenience prohibited.

No peddler or solicitor shall have any exclusive right to any location on the public streets nor shall any be permitted a stationary location, nor shall he be permitted to operate in any congested area where his operation might impede or inconvenience the public. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer exercised in good faith shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested or the public impeded or inconvenienced.

5.12.120 Receipt and requirements for taking orders.

All orders taken by licensed solicitors shall be in writing in duplicate, stating the name as it appears on the license, and address, of both the solicitor and his employer, the terms whereof and the amount paid in advance, and one copy shall be given the purchaser.

5.12.125 Limitation on hours of solicitation.

No person, whether or not the person is required to be licensed under this chapter, shall go from residence to residence or from place to place within the city for the purpose of peddling, soliciting, poll taking, conducting a survey, or for any other purpose without the invitation of the persons residing or working within such locations, after 8 p.m. or before 8 a.m.

5.12.130 Violation – Penalty.

Any person who violated or causes a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and shall be subject to the punishment as prescribed in Chapter 1.12 of the Hood River Municipal Code.

5.12.140 City records of licenses and violations.

The Chief of Police shall report to the City Recorder all convictions for violation of this chapter and the City Recorder shall maintain a record for each license issued and record the reports of the violation thereof.

5.12.150 Exemption from provisions.

This chapter shall not apply to the peddlers or solicitors of, or taking orders for the sale of any fruits, vegetables, berries, butter, eggs, milk, poultry, meats or farm products raised or produced, by such peddler or solicitor.

The Hood River Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 2060, passed January 11, 2021.

Disclaimer: The City Recorder's Office has the official version of the Hood River Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Recorder's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

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