

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES  
NO. 060214**

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Article 6 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.**

Chapter 4, Article 6 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 4.6-21 Requirements.**

- (1) No person shall be a solicitor and/or solicit in the Charter Township of Flint without first obtaining a license therefor. An application for a license shall be made to the Clerk not less than four weeks prior to commencing any solicitation activity. In the event the application is made by an organization, group, association, partnership, corporation, trust, business entity or any combination of the above, the applicant must supply for each agent or employee who will solicit the information required in section 4.6-22.
- (2) Upon review and investigation of the application and the information contained therein the Clerk may, in addition to the reasons listed in Section 4.1-6 and 4.1-24, refuse to issue the license for any one or more of the following reasons:
  - (a) The applicant has failed to comply with the provisions and requirements of this Article;
  - (b) The applicant has been found to have violated a provision of this Article within the two years immediately preceding the date of application;
  - (c) The applicant has been denied a license pursuant to this Article within the immediate past year, unless the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Clerk that the reasons for such earlier denial are no longer valid;
  - (d) The applicant falsified information on the application or has not fully completed the application;
  - (e) The applicant has been convicted of a crime or a municipal civil infraction if the civil infraction is related to the activities covered by this Article;
  - (f) The location, time, or method of solicitation will block or congest streets or sidewalks, impede the free flow of pedestrian or automobile traffic, or will otherwise endanger the health, safety and/or welfare of the public.

**Section 4.6-22(b) Application.**

(b)The application for license shall contain the following items with such additional information as the clerk may require:

- (1) Full name, age, permanent residence and local address.
- (2) The name of the firm or corporation represented, together with the central or district office of said corporation.
- (3) The address or location of the place of business within the township or county.
- (4) A list or general description of the goods, wares, or merchandise to be sold or offered to be sold.
- (5) The length of time requested for the license, not to exceed 3 months.
- (6) A previous license held.
- (7) A place where applicant has conducted business in previous six months.
- (8) A photograph of the applicant taken within 60 days immediately prior to the day of filing the application, which picture shall be two inches by two inches, showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and identifiable manner.
- (9) The fingerprints of the applicant.
- (10) A statement of any convictions of the applicant or any crime or misdemeanor or violation of any provision of this article or other code, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.
- (11) The affidavit of the applicant to the truth of the statement contained in the application, signed by the applicant.
- (12) The dates, hours and location for which the right to solicit is sought.
- (13) Proof that the applicant has obtained all licenses required by all governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, a sales tax license.
- (14) A copy of the vehicle(s) registration issued by the state where the vehicle is licensed and vehicle information including the manufacturer, make, year, color, and vehicle identification number of all vehicles to be used for the solicitation.

**Section 4.6-23 Exemptions.**

The following persons shall be exempt from the provisions of this Article:

- (1) Persons engaged in the distribution of newspapers.
- (2) Persons engaged in soliciting within one (1) mile from their residence for an educational, charitable, and religious or youth organizations.
- (3) Persons engaged in noncommercial, religious canvassing.
- (4) Persons engaged in the distribution of hand bills, signed or unsigned, political or otherwise.

**Sec. 4.6-24 Issuance.**

Upon receipt of an application for a license under this article, together with the appropriate fee, the clerk shall verify that the application is complete and then make a background check with the police department of all persons covered by the application. If any person has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving a commercial crime or a crime of violence the application shall be denied with respect to that person. If as a result of the investigation described above, the character and business reputation appear to be satisfactory, the clerk shall issue a license. Each applicant will receive a photo identification badge, which must be worn in a manner that it is visible when soliciting.

**Section 4.6-26 Hours of Operation.**

Solicitations are only allowed within the Township between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Section 4.6-27 Prohibited Activities.**

The following acts or activities shall be prohibited:

- (1) *Fixed stands prohibited.* No solicitor shall stop or remain in one place upon any street, alley, or public place unless the solicitor has rented the public place from the Township or the Genesee County Road Commission.
- (2) *Prohibited areas.* No solicitor shall obstruct any street, alley, sidewalk or driveway.
- (3) *Curb service prohibited.* No solicitor shall operate or maintain any stand, vehicle, store or place of solicitation on or near any street or highway. No solicitor shall be permitted to use the streets, alleys or lanes of the Township to solicit or to use any stands, stores, or other places of transaction in any manner that requires the person wishing to participate in a transaction, when engaged in the transaction, to stand within the limits of the streets, lanes, highways or alleys of the Township.
- (4) *Prohibiting of entry upon private property expressly requesting no solicitation.* No solicitor shall enter upon and/or call upon a place of residence or business within the Township after having been expressly notified by an occupant of the place of residence or business or by a sign posted on the residence or business that no solicitation is desired and/or other language specifically conveying the message that no soliciting is desired. No solicitor shall enter upon and/or call upon a place of residence or business within the Township which is designated on the list kept at the Charter Township of Flint Clerk's office pursuant to section 4.6-28.
- (5) *Prohibition of harassment or creation of nuisance.* No solicitor shall threaten or harass any person in the Township in the course of a solicitation or in any way engage in any conduct, which creates or would tend to create a nuisance.

**Section 4.6-28 Person not wanting to be solicited.**

Any person who owns and/or occupies a residence and/or business in the Charter Township of Flint who does not wish to have solicitors enter upon and/or call upon the residence or business to solicit may inform the Clerk of the same in writing. The Clerk shall keep on file a list of the addresses of those persons that do not want solicitors to enter upon and/or call upon their residence and/or place of business. A list of the addresses of those persons not wanting solicitors to enter upon and/or call upon their residence and/or place of business shall be given to each person who files an application for a solicitation license in the Charter Township of Flint

**Section 2**

The remainder of Chapter 4, Article 6 remains unchanged.

**Section 3**  
**Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon expiration of seven days after publication of the following:

We hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading by the Charter Township of Flint Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 16, 2014.

**Introduction:**

**June 2, 2014**

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**Karyn Miller, Supervisor**

**First Publication:**

**June 8, 2014**

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**Kim Courts, Clerk**

**Second Reading:**

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**June 22, 2014**