

**Redondo Beach Municipal Code**[Up](#)[Previous](#)[Next](#)[Main](#)[Collapse](#)[Search](#)[Print](#)[No Frames](#)[Title 4 PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND CONDUCT](#)**Chapter 15 REGISTRATION OF CANVASSERS, SOLICITORS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS, SALESMEN, AND PEDDLERS**

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**4-15.01 Definitions.**

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For the purposes of this chapter, certain words and phrases used herein are defined as follows:

- (a) “Canvassers, solicitors, itinerant merchants, salesmen, and peddlers” shall mean any person or other entity, whether business, charitable, or religious, who travels uninvited to any residence, place of business, or other establishment, or from house to house, place to place, or street to street, for the purpose of canvassing, soliciting, or engaging in business.
- (b) “Newsboys” shall mean persons of whatever gender between the ages of twelve (12) years and eighteen (18) years who are employed by, or are agents for, regularly published newspapers but shall not include magazine salesmen. (§ II, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

**4-15.02 Registration required.**

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It is unlawful for any canvasser, solicitor, itinerant merchant, salesman, or peddler, whether business, charitable, or religious, to go from house to house, place to place, or street to street for the purpose of canvassing, soliciting, or engaging in the business of selling, contracting, soliciting, soliciting to sell, taking orders, or offering to sell or take orders for goods, wares, merchandise, products, commodities, or articles of value, or for services to be performed or furnished, or to make demonstrations in the furtherance of such purposes or for the solicitation of funds, whether for profit or not, within the City without first registering with, receiving an identification card from, and paying the cost thereof to the Chief of Police in the manner provided in this chapter and obtaining a license, if applicable, from the License Clerk and Collector. No person required to register shall canvass, solicit, sell, contract, take orders, give services, perform demonstrations, or do any act for which registration may be required other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. except with the express permission of the Council. (§ I, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

**4-15.03 Registration card: Application.**

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Applicants for a registration card shall file with the Police Chief an affidavit (in duplicate) on a form designated by the Chief of Police, together with such documents and photographs as he may require, including the following:

- (a) Two (2) photographs furnished by the applicant of the applicant who will make the actual contacts incidental to the activity of canvassing, soliciting, selling, or peddling, taken within sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of the filing of the application, and such pictures shall be two (2") inches by two (2") inches or such other size as the Chief of Police may designate;
- (b) Full information concerning the identification of the applicant and all persons to be directly or indirectly interested in the permit if granted;
- (c) The resident address and business address and telephone numbers of the applicant;
- (d) The exact nature of the proposed business;
- (e) If an employee or agent, a full identification of the employer or principal;
- (f) The location or places of transacting business and residences for the past two (2) years;
- (g) Prior convictions of a crime, misdemeanor, or violation of any ordinance, the nature, place, and date of such offense, and the disposition of same;
- (h) A statement as to whether any city or licensing authority has ever refused to issue or to renew, or has revoked, a license for the conduct of the business for which the registration is sought, together with an accurate statement from the city involved and the reasons thereof; and

(i) A receipt from the License Clerk and Collector showing payment of the fee for the cost of processing this, such fee to be established by the Chief of Police with the approval of the Council. (§ IV, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

#### **4-15.04 Registration card: Application: Investigation and findings.**

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(a) Investigation. The application in duplicate shall be filed with the Chief of Police who shall cause an investigation to be made within a reasonable time. The general standards set forth in this section relative to the qualifications of every applicant for such a permit shall be considered and applied by the Chief of Police before he shall grant or deny the application. The applicant shall be of good moral character, and in this connection the Chief of Police shall ascertain and consider:

(1) Through the use of fingerprints or other methods of investigation all penal convictions, the reasons therefor, and the demeanor of the applicant subsequent thereto;

(2) The license history of the applicant, whether such person is previously operating in this or another county in the State under a license, has had such license revoked or suspended, the reasons thereto, and the demeanor of the applicant subsequent thereto;

(3) Whether the applicant has made a truthful and full disclosure of all the matters required to be set forth in the application;

(4) Whether the applicant has been in default in the payment of license fees to any governmental agency;

(5) Such other facts relevant to the general personal history of the applicant as the Chief of Police shall find necessary to a fair determination of the eligibility of the applicant; and

(6) Whether the granting of the permit will or will not be detrimental to the safety, public morals, or general welfare of the City.

(b) Findings. The findings of the Chief of Police after such investigation shall be endorsed on each of the applications and indicated by the words "Granted" or "Denied", and one of the applications shall be filed with the License Clerk and Collector. If the application is denied the Chief of Police shall give notice of such action to the applicant and the reason therefor. (§ V, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

#### **4-15.05 Registration card: Issuance: Exhibition.**

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(a) Issuance. If the application is granted and filed with the License Clerk and Collector and the registration fee paid, if any, the License Clerk and Collector shall issue to the applicant a registration for identification which shall contain the name and address, photograph and description of the applicant, the kind of business registered, the date of issue and length of time the same shall operate, and other pertinent identifying description. The words "Not a Recommendation" shall appear on the face of such identification card.

(b) Exhibition. Such identification card shall be carried constantly by the permittee on his person and shall be displayed upon request during such time as the permittee is engaged in the actual activity of canvassing, soliciting, selling, or peddling.

(c) Period of registration. The registration or identification card shall be in effect during the time the business registration is maintained, except where no business registration is maintained, the registration or identification card shall be in effect for no more than six (6) months from the date of issuance. (§ IX, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

#### **4-15.06 Registration card: Revocation.**

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Every registration issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the right, which is hereby expressly reserved and consented to by the applicant, to revoke the same for any of the following causes, and any such registration card may be summarily revoked by the Chief of Police or the Council for any of the following causes:

(a) Any fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement contained in the application;

(b) Any violation of this chapter or any law of the City or any other laws relating to the subject matter;

(c) Conviction of the registrant of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

- (d) Refusal or failure to make available to the Chief of Police or License Clerk and Collector upon demand any records which are deemed necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter;
- (e) Any conduct on the part of the registrant which is carried on in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as is inimical to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public;
- (f) Upon ascertaining that the applicant is not an individual of good moral character; or
- (g) If there is any other good and sufficient reason therefor. (§ VII, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

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#### **4-15.07 Appeals.**

Any applicant may appeal the action of the Chief of Police in refusing to issue any registration card or in summarily revoking any registration card already issued and shall have the right of appeal to the Council. Such an appeal shall be taken by filing with the City Clerk, within ten (10) days after notice of such action, a verified written statement setting forth fully the grounds of appeal and accompanied by a filing fee in the sum of Twenty-Five and no/100ths (\$25.00) Dollars, payable to the City; otherwise the action of the Chief of Police shall be final.

Any applicant or registrant may appeal the action of the Council in revoking any registration already issued and shall have the right to request a review and reconsideration of such action upon filing with the City Clerk, within ten (10) days after notice of such action a verified written statement setting forth fully the reasons why the decision of the Council shall be reconsidered and reversed, which statement shall be accompanied by a filing fee in the sum of Twenty-Five and no/100ths (\$25.00) Dollars, payable to the City; otherwise the action of the Council shall be final.

The Council shall set a time and place for the hearing, and notice of such hearing on appeal or review shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. At such hearing the applicant or licensee, and/or his representative, may present and submit evidence. The decision and order of the Council at or after such hearing shall be final and conclusive. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of the appeal. (§ VIII, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

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#### **4-15.08 Exemptions from provisions.**

The registration provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

- (a) Any person lawfully entering in or upon property and obtaining legal satisfaction for obligations incurred or alleged to be incurred by the occupant or occupants thereof;
- (b) Commercial agents or salesmen for wholesale business firms selling goods, wares, merchandise, or services or soliciting orders from retail or wholesale business firms, dealers, or manufacturers;
- (c) Newsboys;
- (d) Persons or entities invited by the occupant or who are delivering or collecting for pre-ordered goods, wares, merchandise, or services; or
- (e) Persons working specifically on political campaigns. (§ III, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

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#### **4-15.09 Exemptions: Interstate commerce.**

Every person whose activities require registration pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and who is exempt from payment of any registration shall nevertheless be required to register and pay the costs of processing his application. (§ VI, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

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#### **4-15.10 Violations of provisions.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, in addition to the revocation of his registration, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (§ XI, Ord. 1797, eff. June 28, 1963)

