

Solicitor and Peddler Rules Appendix A

Situation	Requirements	Charging for Violation
Solicitor/Peddler on <i>Median</i> of County road.	Must have <i>Beige</i> colored <i>Special Permit</i> from Consumer Affairs: - Lists 4 dates per year allowed on Median of County road; - Only on road with a speed limit of 45 mph or less; - Operate from 0900 to sunset; - Location deemed safe by HCPD.	Civil Citation for Howard County Code 18-207. "Non-transit activity on County roads." - Class B offense - \$500/30 days. Must appear.
Solicitor/Peddler on <i>Shoulder</i> of County road. (* See Exceptions below)	Must have <i>Blue</i> or <i>Yellow</i> ID Card from Consumer Affairs - Only on County road w/speed limit less than 45 mph; - Only on shoulder at least 8 ft from edge of travel lane; - At least 100 feet from intersection or other egress/ingress; - 0800 to sunset.	Civil Citation for Howard County Code 18-207. "Non-transit activity on County roads." - Class B offense - \$500/30 days. Must appear.
Solicitor/Peddler in <i>Roadway</i> of County road.	Not allowed. "Roadway" being that part of the road improved for vehicular travel, other than the shoulder.	Traffic citation. - TA 21-507a.
Solicitor/Peddler going door-to-door of residences. (* See Exceptions below)	Must have <i>Blue</i> or <i>Yellow</i> ID card from Consumer Affairs - Operate from 0900 to 2000 on foot. - Operate from 0700 to 2200 peddling foodstuffs from a vehicle.	Civil Citation for 14-701. "No ID Card in possession." - Class B offense - \$500/30 days. Must appear. Civil Citation for 14-707. "Hours of operation" - Class B offense - \$500/30 days. Must appear.
Solicitor/Peddler on Private Property (shopping centers).	No ID Card or permit required. Needs permission from property owner.	Criminal procedure for Trespassing
Peddling from a vehicle (ice cream truck, roach coach, etc).	Must have <i>Blue</i> ID Card from Consumer Affairs and a <i>Black metal registration plate</i> also issued by Consumer Affairs. - Operate from 0700 to 2200	Civil Citation for Howard County Code 14-705. "Tags or Labels for Vehicles." And/or Ho Co Code 14.701 "No ID Card in possession". - Class B offense - \$500/30 days. Must appear.
Solicitor/Peddler on <i>Median</i> or <i>Shoulder</i> of State road.	No violation until Oct. 1, 2009. After Oct. 1, 2009 "cannot stand on any part of a State road right-of-way (includes shoulder, travel lanes, and median) to solicit money or donations of any kind." Howard County only.	Traffic citation. - TA 21-507h.
Solicitor/Peddler in <i>Roadway</i> of State road.	Not allowed. "Roadway" being that part of the road improved for vehicular travel, other than the shoulder.	Traffic citation. - TA 21-507a.

In all cases the Police Department or DPW may order the solicitor to cease and/or relocate if the activity impedes traffic or endangers the person or the public.

*** Exceptions:**

- Any charitable or nonprofit organization provided the organization registers annually with the Administrator of Consumer Affairs. *Pink ID card from Consumer Affairs required. Must abide by all other rules and regulations pertaining to locations and times for solicitors/peddlers.*
- Soliciting for a company that has provided a Code of Ethics to Consumer Affairs. *Green ID card from Consumer Affairs required. Abide by all other rules and regulations pertaining to locations and times for solicitors/peddlers.*
- Any person selling milk, vegetables, butter, eggs, poultry, fruit or country produce made or grown by the seller thereof. *No ID card needed. But required to abide by rules pertaining to locations and times for solicitors and peddlers and shoulder and median use regulations.*
- Any person engaged in voter registration, election campaigns, or supporting or working against a ballot question. *No ID card needed.*
- Any person "Cold Calling" or selling or obtaining orders for the sale of goods to manufactures, retailers, or other business or gov't establishments for use in those establishments. *No ID Card needed. Trespassing laws apply.*

Officers may not confiscate a legitimate ID Card or Permit for non-compliance or suspected violations. Notify Consumer Affairs at 410-313-6420 during normal business hours or Howard County E-mail to Consumer Affairs Administrator Rebecca Bowman.