

APPLICATION FOR PEDDLER'S LICENSE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY

INSTRUCTIONS

This application must be completed in its entirety and filed with the Secretary of Washington Township. An individual application is required for each license being requested. All individuals desiring to engage in the occupation of peddling as defined in Ordinance #35 must obtain a license. The application will be reviewed by the Board of Supervision and an investigation will be made of the applicant's business and moral character for the purpose of the protection of the public welfare. If found unsatisfactory, the Board of Supervisors shall endorse on this application a disapproval and reasons therefore and notify the applicant that no license will be issued. If satisfactory, the Board of Supervisors shall endorse on such application its approval and forward the application to the Secretary. Upon receipt of the application by the secretary, a license will be prepared for the applicant, who upon payment of the prescribed fee, shall issue the Peddler's license. Said license shall contain the name, address and photograph of licensee.

Name of Applicant				Social Security No.	
Permanent Home Address			City		State
Local or Temporary Address			City		State
Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Height	Weight	Age	Sex
Name of Employer				Business Phone	
Address of Employer			City		State
Answer when a motor vehicle is to be used:		Make	Model		
		Year	License No.		
Describe briefly – Nature of business and the goods or the services to be sold or furnished: _____					
Place where goods or property proposed to be sold, or orders taken for the sale thereof are manufactured or produced or are located: _____					
Method of delivery of goods: _____					
Do you give the customer a signed receipt if a down-payment is made? _____					
Attach copies of the receipt, contract and other forms that attend the sales contract! _____					
State the length of time for which license is desired. Note – All annual licenses expire on December 31st in year issued. _____					
Have you ever been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, or violation of any municipal ordinance? _____					
Nature of the offense: _____			Punishment or penalty assessed therefor: _____		
I do hereby swear or affirm that the statements shown above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.					
Date			Signature		

For Use of Permit Clerk

License Issued #:	Date of Issue	Expiration Date
Fee Paid \$	Secretary	

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING PEDDLERS AND
SOLICITORS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING FOR PEDDLERS AND
SOLICITORS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, LEHIGH COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

SECTION I - Definitions - For the purpose of this Ordinance...

(a) Peddling - shall mean engaging in peddling, canvassing, soliciting or taking orders, either by sample or otherwise for any goods, wares, merchandise or services to be furnished or performed now, or in the future, upon any street in the Township of Washington, or from door-to-door going in and upon private residences and residential properties within the Township.

(b) Peddler - shall mean any person who shall engage in peddling as hereinabove defined.

(c) Person - shall mean any person, association, partnership, firm or corporation.

(d) Street - shall mean any street, road, highway or alley within the lines of or alongside of the same.

(e) In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

SECTION II - License Required.

Except as hereinafter described it shall be unlawful for any peddler to engage in business within the Township of Washington without first obtaining a license therefore in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

(a) Exceptions.

1. Farmers selling their own produce.
2. Retailers from vehicles selling bread and bakery products, meat and meat products, milk and milk products, fuel oil, or providing laundry service.
3. All persons exempted from peddler's or solicitor's license by state law.
4. Nonprofit corporations and associations with an office or place of business in the Township.

SECTION III - Application - Applicants for a license under this Ordinance must file with the Township Secretary an application in writing on a form to be furnished by said officer, which shall give the following information:

- (a) Name and description of the applicant;
- (b) Permanent home address and full local address of the applicant;
- (c) Motor vehicle registration, if any, and Social Security Number;
- (d) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods or services to be sold or furnished;
- (e) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials establishing the exact relationship;
- (f) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired;
- (g) The place where the goods or property proposed to be sold or orders taken for the sale thereof, are manufactured or produced, where such goods or products are located at the time said application is filed and the proposed method of delivery;
- (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 penalty assessed therefor;
- (i) A statement as to whether the customer is to receive a signed receipt if a down payment is made.

At the time of filing the application, the applicant shall submit copies of the receipt, contract and other forms that attend the sales transaction. The applicant shall also submit one self photo not larger than 1 1/4" x 1 1/4".

SECTION IV - Investigation and Issuance -

(a) Upon receipt of such application, the Township Secretary 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.

(b) If as a result of such investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the Township Secretary shall endorse on such application his disapproval and his reason for the same.

(c) If as a result of such investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the Township Secretary shall endorse on the application, his approval, and forward the application to

the permit clerk who shall execute a license addressed to the applicant for the carrying on of the business applied for. Such license shall contain the signature of the issuing officer and shall show the name, address and photograph of said licensee, the date of issuance and the length of time the same shall be operative, as well as the license number and other identifying description of any vehicle used in such peddling. The permit clerk shall keep a permanent record of all licenses issued.

(d) Within not more than ten days following the filing of the application, the applicant shall be notified that his application has been approved or disapproved, and if disapproved, the reasons therefor.

(e) No license issued under this Ordinance shall be transferable from one individual to another individual.

SECTION V - Fees.

(a) The license fee which shall be charged shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for a license valid for three (3) months or thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for a license valid for one (1) year.

(b) No fee shall be charged for a license for non-commercial dissemination or economic, political, cultural or religious information, but anyone engaged in the dissemination of such information shall secure a license as aforesaid.

(c) No fee shall be charged of any member of a chartered non-profit charitable service or youth organization, but any such member engaged in peddling as defined herein shall secure a license as aforesaid.

SECTION VI - Exhibition of License - Every peddler shall at all times, while engaged in peddling within the Township of Washington, carry such license upon his person, and shall exhibit such license, upon request, to any person within said Township. No person shall engage in selling any goods, wares or merchandise other than that mentioned upon such license, nor shall any person engage in peddling within the Township of Washington unless he holds a valid and unexpired license issued to him in his name.

SECTION VII - Hours - No peddling from door-to-door shall be permitted within the Township of Washington during the period from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

SECTION VIII - The Township Secretary shall maintain a record of all convictions for violations of this ordinance for each license issued.

SECTION IX - Conduct of Business - No peddler shall occupy any fixed location upon any of the streets or public places in the Township of Washington for the purpose of peddling.

SECTION X - Revocation of Licenses - The Township Secretary shall have the authority to revoke any license issued under this Ordinance, for any of the following reasons:

(a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement contained in the application for license;

(b) Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement made in the course of carrying on his business as a peddler;

(c) Any violation of this Ordinance;

(d) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or

(e) Conducting the business of peddling in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

SECTION XI - Appeal - Any person aggrieved by the action of the Township Secretary in the denial or revocation of a license as provided by this Ordinance shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Township Secretary, fourteen (14) days after notice of the action complained of has been mailed to such person's last known address, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. The Board of Supervisors shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal and so notify the appellant. The decision and order of the Board of Supervisors shall be final.

SECTION XII - Expiration of license - All annual licenses issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year issued.

SECTION XIII - Penalty - Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense, and upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

SECTION XIV - Severance Clause - The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance but shall remain in effect, it being the intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION XV - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances - All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION XVI - Effective Date - This Ordinance shall take effect , 1975.

ADOPTED this 13th day of May , 1975.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dianne B. Frantz
Secretary

BY: S/ Walter Truman
Chairman

S/ Ralph G. Keenan
Supervisor

S/ Albert Semmes
Supervisor