

CITY OF VINTON UPDATED PEDDLER ORDINANCE

The City Council has recently updated the ordinance relating to peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants.

The revised ordinance is intended to better clarify how door-to-door sales and solicitation activities are handled within the community while helping protect residents from unwanted or fraudulent activity. Individuals or companies wishing to conduct peddling or solicitation within city limits are required to follow the updated guidelines and permitting procedures established by the City.

As previously required, an application is required to be filed with the Clerk for a license under this ordinance. Upon approval of a license, the City shall issue each solicitor, peddler, and transient merchant a lanyard and every individual licensed under this chapter must clearly wear the City-issued lanyard on the outside of their clothes at all times they are peddling or soliciting within the City.

Residents are encouraged to ask solicitors for proper identification (a copy of their City issued license and lanyard) before engaging in business. Residents may also call City Hall to confirm a peddler's license status with the City.

Anyone who feels uncomfortable or observes suspicious activity should contact local law enforcement.

The City intends to post an announcement and photo of any active licenses on the Vinton Police Department Facebook page.

City officials appreciate the cooperation of residents and businesses as these updates are implemented. The goal of the policy change is to maintain a safe, respectful, and well-informed community while still allowing legitimate business activity.

