



Commissioner of the Revenue

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PEDDLER & SOLICITOR INFORMATION

- All peddlers must obtain a solicitor permit from the Police Department. The Police Department will complete a background check on the applicant before forwarding the solicitor permit to the Commissioner of the Revenue's office for issuance. For fees, processing time or any other information on the solicitor permit process, contact the Police Department.
- The solicitor permit will be issued to the person who will do the actual soliciting.
- Individuals applying must be over the age of 18. If the individual is under the age of 18, the applicant must apply with a parent. The business license will be issued to the parent and the applicant.
- Businesses with W-2 employees hold the peddler's license and each employee soliciting requires a solicitor permit. Solicitor permits will not be issued if the business license for the company is not current.
- All peddler licenses are non-refundable, are not subject to prorating, and are not transferable.
- Decals are issued by the Commissioner of the Revenue and should be affixed and displayed by the owner on the left-hand side of the cart, dray, wagon, automobile, truck or pushcart or other hand-propelled vehicle.

Virginia Beach City Code, Sec. 26-26. Permit required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in soliciting, selling or taking orders for goods, wares, merchandise, publications, any article for future delivery, or any service or commodity whatsoever, on the public streets, ways, lanes or alleys or in any other public place adjacent to the same, or upon the premises of any private residence or apartment house not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant thereof, in the city, unless he has a current permit so to do from the city manager.

PEDDLER DEFINITIONS, FEES & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

General Merchandise Peddlers (Sec.18-93)

- One who engages in “peddling goods, wares, merchandise, or products of any description”
- \$500.00 license fee.
- Zoning approval required.

Mobile Canteen (Sec. 18-94)

- One who engages in “peddling bottled soft drinks, hot dogs and wrapped sandwiches from a cart, wagon, truck, automobile, basket or tray”
- \$300 license fee.
- Trustee Tax for Meals, a tax rate of 5.5% of gross is remitted monthly to the City of Virginia Beach. In addition, the applicant should register with the Virginia Department of Taxation.
- Health Department registration required.
- Zoning approval may be required.

Confection Peddler (Sec. 18-95)

- One who engages in “peddling ice cream and other ice confectionaries, candies and confections”
- \$50 license fee.
- Proof of insurance required for licensed vehicle.
- Trustee Tax for Meals, a tax rate of 5.5% of gross is remitted monthly to the City of Virginia Beach. In addition, the applicant should register with the Virginia Department of Taxation.
- Department of Agriculture registration required for hand scooped ice cream, ices, and slushy drink peddlers.
- Zoning approval may be required.

Perishable Peddler (Sec. 18-96)

- One who engages in “peddling market produce, coal, wood, ice, fresh meats, fruits, seafoods or nuts, when sold from carts, drays, wagons, automobiles, trucks or pushcarts or other hand-propelled vehicles.
- \$50.00 license fee.
- Zoning approval may be required.

Wholesale Peddler (Sec. 18-98)

- One who “as a peddler, shall peddle goods, wares or merchandise by selling and delivering the same at the same time, to licensed dealers or retailers, at other than a definite place of business operated by the seller”
- \$100.00 license fee per vehicle.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Agriculture & Consumer Services Department

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Commissioner of the Revenue, Business Revenue Division

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Health Department (Virginia Beach District)

Phone: 757.518.2646 Fax: 757.518.2642 www.vdh.state.va.us/LHD/vabeach

Police Department

Phone: 757.385.4141 Fax: 757.427.9163 www.vbgov.com/police

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Zoning Department

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