

What is the Fee?

30 day permit	\$50.00
Fee for each additional worker/ solicitor	\$30.00
Yearly application (local business only)	\$100.00
Yearly fee for additional worker/ solicitor	\$30.00

Exceptions To The Fee

- Permit fees are not required for religious groups, charities, farmers' market, and educational organizations.

Reasons for Denial:

Because of a person's conviction of a felony or a person's conviction of a misdemeanor if the crime directly relates to the conduct of a peddler's business or results from an assault against person.

An investigation reveals that the applicant falsified information on the application.

The applicant is a registered sex offender.

The applicant has had a permit revoked for any reason within the past three years.

DISTRIBUTING FLYERS

Chapter 3, "Advertising", Section 3.1 of the Abilene Municipal Code, states the following:

"No person shall stick, paint, brand, stamp, or put upon any house, fence, wall, pavement or any public or private place any written, printed or painted advertisement, bill, notice or picture without the consent of the owner or other proper party."

"No person shall post or tack up any loose handbills, dodgers, cards, sheets or advertising matter of any kind upon any post, wall, fence or tree upon any street, alley or public highway within the city, or upon or within the private premises or building."



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Door to Door Solicitation

Who is a Canvasser, Solicitor or Peddler?

When are the Hours of Solicitation?

Do You Need a Permit?

Do Minor Solicitors and Peddlers Under the Age of 18 Need a Permit?

What is the Fee?

Solicitors must always have the City of Abilene badge visible when soliciting

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• **Canvasser** means any person whose primary purpose is to enlist support for or against a particular religion, philosophy, ideology, political party, issue, or candidate.

Examples include: political campaigns, churches

• **Peddler** means any person who carries goods, wares, merchandise or personal property with them and offers it for sale for a purely commercial purpose .

Examples include: Food and Supply Vendors

• **Solicitor** means any person who takes orders for goods for future delivery, or for services to be performed in the future, including requesting contribution of funds or selling goods or services for a non-commercial purposes.

Examples include: Scouts, PTA sales, magazine sales, energy companies, cable providers

Solicitation HOURS 9 AM TO 7 PM

It shall be unlawful for any person to canvass, solicit, or peddle upon any private property in the City where the owner, occupant, or person legally in charge of the premises has posted at the entry to the premises, or at the entry to the principal building on the premises, a sign bearing the words "No Peddlers", "No Solicitors", or words of similar import..

Do you need a Permit?

Canvasser—No

Peddler and Solicitor—Yes

What do I need to Apply for a Permit?

- A valid Texas Driver's License or state issued photo identification.
- The number of the limited sales tax permit issued to the business by the state comptroller's office, if applicable.
- A brief description of the activity or business to be conducted.
- The appropriate fee.
- Proof of status necessary to receive an exception under Section 28-11 or 28-16 of the Abilene City Code.

Permit Exemptions -

Solicitations are being made upon premises owned or occupied by an organization upon whose behalf the solicitation is made (example: such as a church soliciting those attending the church on their own property)

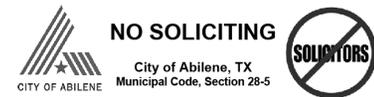
Any solicitation in the form of a collection at a regular meeting, assembly, or service of a charitable person

A solicitor or peddler is already licensed by the state to engage in the activity (must provide proof)

Do Minor Solicitors and Peddlers under the age of 18 need a Permit?

- A permit must be obtained by the organization sponsoring any minor solicitation.
- The sponsor shall be responsible for all minors under the permit.
- Each minor soliciting under the permit must have identification provided by the sponsor that identifies the name of the sponsor

Questions? 676-6202



The City does not require a specific sign.