West Vincent Township

729 St. Matthews Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425
610-458-1601

LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SOLICITATION

(An application must be completed for each person soliciting in the Township.)

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____
_____

Statement, if Applicant is Self-Employed: _____
_____

Nature of Goods, Wares or Merchandise to be Peddled or Solicited:
_____

If applicable, the purpose for the soliciting of contributions, gifts, or donations of money or any other item of any kind or nature: _____
_____

Have you ever been convicted of any crime: _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please state the nature of the offense(s) and the punishment(s) imposed:
_____
_____

Type of Vehicle Used, if applicable: _____ _____ _____ _____
Make Model Color Year

*Note: Upon request, the applicant shall submit to fingerprinting and furnish a photograph. If a license is required from any county officer, the applicant shall exhibit a valid license upon making application.

Duration of peddling/soliciting: From _____ To _____
Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year

Fees: Application / Permit - $50.00 (valid for one year)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Office Use Only
Fee Paid: _____ _____ _____ _____
Amount Check # Date Initials

PART THREE

LICENSE AND REGULATION FOR SOLICITING OR PEDDLING

301. Definitions

Licensee – a person who has obtained a license pursuant to this part.

Peddling – the selling, hawking, exchanging or transferring of goods, wares or merchandise of any kind or nature, for a consideration, from vehicles or temporary structures along the streets or highways within West Vincent Township, or by visits to the dwelling house, residence or places of business within West Vincent Township, except that the definition of peddling shall not include situations wherein a party within the Township of West Vincent has requested and/or consented to the foregoing described conduct constituting peddling.

Soliciting – the procuring or soliciting of orders for future deliveries of goods, wares or merchandise of any kinds or nature, from vehicles or temporary structures along the streets, roads, and highways of West Vincent Township, or by visits to the dwelling houses, residences or places of business within West Vincent Township. In addition, soliciting shall be defined as procuring or soliciting of contributions, gifts or donation of money or any other item of any kind or nature. However, the definition of soliciting shall not include situations wherein a party within the Township of West Vincent has requested and/or consented to the foregoing described conduct constituting soliciting.

302. Prohibited Conduct. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, association, firm or corporation, or any other organization, to engage in soliciting or peddling within the Township of West Vincent without obtaining a license as specified in this Part.

303. Exemption and Interpretation.

1. A license as specified in this part shall not be required where:

   A. Peddling or soliciting is conducted by a person who is a member or representative of religious group;
   B. Peddling or soliciting is conducted by a person who is a member of a local fire department, fire police, or ambulance service;
   C. A farmer is selling food products, which have been produced by him or his employees.

2. Nevertheless, the Township Board of Supervisors shall make the determination as to whether an applicant falls within any of the specified exemptions set forth in paragraph 1 hereof and, therefore, any person seeking to fit within one or more of the exclusions set forth above shall first make application to the Board of Supervisors.

304. License Application. The application for a license as required by this part shall be on a form provided by the Board of Supervisors and shall contain the following information:

1. Full name of application and local address, telephone number, and date of birth;
2. Permanent address of applicant;
3. Name of employer and address of the principal place of business of employer, or statement that the applicant is self-employed;
4. The nature of the goods, wares, or merchandise to be peddled or solicited; and/or, if applicable, the purpose for the soliciting of contributions, gifts, or donations of money or any other item of any kind or nature;

5. A statement as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of any crime and if the answer is in the affirmative, the nature of the offense or offenses and the punishment or punishments imposed therefore;
6. The type of vehicle to be used, if any;
7. Upon Request, the applicant shall also submit to fingerprinting and furnish a photograph;
8. If a license is required from any county officer, the applicant shall upon making application exhibit a valid license;
9. Duration of peddling or soliciting to be conducted;
10. A fee as established by Resolution by the Board of Supervisors, shall be paid for each representative of an organization before a license will be issued.

305. Waiting Period. There shall be a ten (10) day waiting period for issuance of license, which waiting period shall begin the day following submission of application for a peddling or soliciting license, provided that the waiting period may be extended as shall be necessary for verification of information provided in the application.

306. Exhibition of license.

1. The peddling and soliciting license required by this part must be prominently displayed on any vehicle used by the licensee.
2. A licensee under the part must exhibit the license required by this part to all persons contacted for the purpose of peddling or soliciting.
3. A licensee under this part must exhibit the license to all agents of the Township of West Vincent upon request.
4. A license obtained shall not be transferable to any other person. Each representative of an organization must complete an application form, pay the license fee provided in 304 (10), above, and obtain duplicate copy of the original license issued to the organization.

307. Licensing Period and Renewal

1. The license required by this part shall be valid for a term of one (1) year. Said license may be renewed by submitting an application as provided in 304 of this part, provided that no waiting period shall be required for the renewal of a license.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township upon cause shown may revoke the license required by this part. The licensee may request that the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township review any revocation. The Board of Supervisors shall, at the next regularly scheduled meeting sustain the revocation or order that the license be reinstated, as it shall determine.

308. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part Three shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand ($1,000) dollars; and/or to imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for punishment of summary offenses. Enforcement shall be by action brought before a district justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.