

TOWNSHIP OF ALMONT
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 74

VENDING AND SOLICITING ORDINANCE

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE to require that all individuals vending, soliciting or peddling within Almont Township register with the Township prior to doing so, provide definitions for vending, soliciting and peddling; establish hours for such activity and penalties for the violation of this Ordinance, and repealing any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions in conflict therewith.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMONT,
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Peddler means any person offering services, goods, wares, or merchandise for sale by going from door to door, place to place, or by passing from house to house, not including regular route deliverymen delivering products on a continuous order basis.

Solicitor means any person offering services, goods, wares, or merchandise for sale by sample or description for delivery at a future time going from door to door, or passing from house to house, not including persons offering services, goods, wares or merchandise, for wholesale to retailers for resale or manufacturers for use in their processes.

Vendor means any person offering services, goods, wares or merchandise for sale from a fixed place in a temporary structure or shelter except such goods, wares or merchandise, including vegetables, fruits or perishable farm products, raised, produced or manufactured by the seller on the premises where offered for sale.

SECTION 2. REGISTRATION REQUIRED; DISPLAY

No person, firm or corporation shall operate or engage in, either directly or indirectly, any business of vending, soliciting, or peddling within Almont Township without first registering with the Almont Township Clerk's Office. Registration shall be done annually and upon forms provided by the Township Clerk's Office. Registration shall not

be considered effective until all information requested on the form is properly completed, requested documentation supplied, including a copy of the registrant's driver's license and the registration approved by the Township Clerk. A copy of the registration, as approved by the Township Clerk, shall be maintained on the person of the vendor, solicitor, peddler during vending, soliciting and pending activities. Upon request of a law enforcement officer, Township official, or an occupant of the premises upon which the vendor, solicitor or peddler is conducting activity, a copy of the approved registration shall be produced.

SECTION 3. HOURS OF VENDING AND SOLICITING

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in vending, soliciting, peddling or door to door sales within Almont Township from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. of any week day or Saturday or at any time on a Sunday or National holiday.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION AGAINST VENDOR AND SOLICITATION; NOTICE.

Every person, firm or corporation in the Township of Almont, desiring to prohibit vending, soliciting and peddling on their premises shall conspicuously post a sign on the premises reading "No Solicitors" or containing such other language which clearly states their desire to prohibit vending, soliciting and/or peddling on the premises.

SECTION 5. UNINVITED SOLICITING

It shall be unlawful for any vendor, solicitor or peddler to go upon any premises and ring the doorbell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of the residence or commercial or industrial property, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and engage in vending, soliciting or peddling, in defiance of a notice conspicuously posted on the residence or commercial or industrial property in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

It shall be the duty of every vendor, solicitor and peddler upon going onto any premises in the Township of Almont to first determine whether soliciting, vending or peddling is prohibited thereon by posted notice. In the event soliciting, vending and/or peddling is prohibited by such notice, then, and in such event, the solicitor, vendor or peddler whether registered or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises. Any vendor, solicitor or peddler who has gained entrance to any residence, or commercial or industrial property, whether invited or not, shall immediately and peacefully depart therefrom when requested to do so by the occupant.

SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to minors or individuals that are no longer minors, but are enrolled in a high school educational program.

SECTION 7. VIOLATION; PENALTY

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail. Each day that such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All resolutions, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. PUBLICATION

A true copy or summary of this Ordinance shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Almont within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after publication of a true copy in a newspaper circulating within the Township of Almont, as provided by Section 10.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of Almont, Lapeer County, Michigan, at a meeting held on the 14th day of October, A.D., 2024.

I hereby further certify that the following Township Board members were present at the meeting:
Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Henige, Treasurer Kudsin, Trustee Dodge, Trustee Eschenburg, Trustee Groesbeck, and Trustee Streeter


and the following Township Board Members were absent:

I further certify that Member Dodge moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and that motion was supported by Member Streeter.

I further certify that the following Township Board Members voted for the adoption of the Ordinance:


Dodge, Streeter, Henige, Kudsin, Eschenburg, Groesbeck, and Bowman

and that the following Township Board members voted against adoption of the Ordinance:


Jenny Henige,
Almont Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, the undersigned Township Clerk of the Township of Almont, do hereby certify that on October 16, 2024, the foregoing Ordinance or a summary thereof was duly published in a newspaper having general circulation within Almont Township.


Jenny Henige,
Almont Township Clerk

ALMONT

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Door to Door Canvassing & Soliciting

Personal Information:

First, Middle & Last Name:

Street Address:

City, State and Zip:

Phone Number:

Motor Vehicle Information: (vehicle that will be used for solicitation)

Make: Model:

Color: Year:

Plate #: State:

Business Information:

Business Name:

Your Title:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Supervisor or Contact:

Phone Number:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Make a copy of Driver's License)