

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**CHAPTER 6.  
REGULATION OF SOLICITING**

**SECTION 601 - GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

(a) Purposes. To regulate the activities of solicitors and peddlers within the Village of Essex Junction for the protection of the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience, and to protect the residents of Essex Junction from unscrupulous, fraudulent and immoral business practices.

(b) Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by Article I, Section 1.07 of the Village Charter.

(c) Definitions:

1. Solicitor or Peddler - A person who moves from one dwelling (or other occupied building) to another carrying or otherwise transporting goods, wares, merchandise, food (including fresh farm produce) or similar products and offering or exposing such items for sale, or accepting orders on such items for subsequent delivery, or who moves from one dwelling or building to another for the purpose of soliciting donations of money or pledges from occupants thereof.
2. Sponsor - Any individual or organization with which a solicitor or peddler is economically affiliated, in relation to soliciting, in an employer-employee, master-servant, independent contractor, agency, joint venture of similar arrangement.
3. Exclusions. This ordinance shall not be construed as impairing the rights conferred by 24 V.A. Section 2181. (Sale of Produce. Owners and renters of land shall have the right to vend or sell all products of such land without obtaining licenses from such towns).

**SECTION 602 - SOLICITING REGULATIONS:**

(a) Noise. No solicitor or peddler shall shout, cry out, or use any sound-making device (including horns, bells, loudspeakers, sound amplifying systems) from the Village's streets, sidewalks, or other public property in a manner which unreasonably disturbs the peace or constitutes a public nuisance.

(b) Offensive Practices. No solicitor or peddler shall physically accost, restrain or otherwise interfere with the free movement of any individual during the course of the solicitor's or peddler's activities.

(c) Conduct on Private Property. No solicitor or peddler shall enter upon private property which contains a sign or other notice that soliciting is prohibited. Solicitors and peddlers shall promptly depart from private property upon the request of the owner or resident thereof.

Hours: No solicitor or peddler shall solicit between the hours of 9 PM and 7 AM.

*This Chapter was amended by the Board of Trustees on January 12, 1999.*