

ORDINANCE NO. 19-22-2

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "VENDORS AND SOLICITORS", WHICH SPECIFIES THE HOURS AND PLACES FOR SOLICITATION; PROHIBITS CERTAIN SOLICITATIONS; PROVIDES PROCEDURES AND SETS FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO VENDORS AND SOLICITORS; ESTABLISHES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDORS AND SOLICITORS; ESTABLISHES AN APPEALS PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING AND REPLACING PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 16-22-1; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, many citizens have complained to the City Council and Mayor claiming fraudulent, illegal acts and harassment by overzealous vendors and solicitors; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary to license and regulate vendors and solicitors in order to promote the well-being and harmony of the citizens of Redwater, Texas; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: SOLICITATION GENERALLY.

The purpose of this article is to secure the general health, safety, and welfare for the residents of the City of Redwater by:

- (1) Prohibiting door-to-door solicitation at residences during the times when such activity is most intrusive and disruptive to citizens' privacy;
- (2) Regulating the locations in which solicitation activity may occur to promote safety and minimize congestion;
- (3) Regulating the manner in which any solicitation activity may occur to promote good order, and protect citizens from aggressive and intimidating practices; and
- (4) Requiring solicitors to obtain permits from the city to aid in crime detection and deter deceptive practices and fraud.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS.

The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section:

- (1) **Charitable purpose** shall mean philanthropic, religious, or other nonprofit objectives, including the benefit of poor, needy, sick, refugee, or handicapped persons; the benefit of any church or religious society, sect, group, or order; the benefit of a patriotic or veterans' association or organization; the benefit of any fraternal, social, or civic organization, or the benefit of any educational institution. "Charitable purpose" shall not be construed to include any direct benefit to the individual making the home solicitation, to include the benefit of any political group, or political organization, which is subject to financial disclosure under state or federal law.
- (2) **Commercial home solicitation or soliciting** means the solicitation at a residence through the attempt or act of asking, bartering, or communicating in any manner for the purpose of selling or offering to sell goods, services, or realty for a for-profit purpose, which includes promoting, advertising, receiving or obtaining money, gifts or items of value for said individual or group of individuals, or for-profit organization, club, company, corporation.

- (3) **Commercial home distribution** or **distribute** means the door-to-door distribution of advertisements or handbills (other than through the United States mail).
- (4) **Dusk** means 30 minutes after sunset.
- (5) **Food Truck/Trailer** means a large vehicle, such as a van or trailer, equipped to cook, prepare, serve, and/or sell food.
- (6) **Handbill** means and includes any printed or written matter, any sample or device, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, or any other printed or otherwise reproduced original, or copies of any matter or literature.
- (7) **Handbill distributor** means and includes any person engaging or engaged in the business for hire or gain of distributing handbills, other than newspapers distributed to subscribers thereof, and any person receiving compensation directly or indirectly for the distribution of such handbills.
- (8) **Handbill sponsor** means and includes any person, firm, or corporation who utilizes handbills as a medium of advertising or spreading a message.
- (9) **Itinerant operations** shall mean and refer to the conduct of business operations at one or more locations or properties throughout the day, provided that the mobile vendor does not remain or linger at any particular property or location for longer than 30 minutes.
- (10) **Itinerant vendor** shall mean any person who sets up and operates a temporary business on privately owned property, whether improved or unimproved, in the city, soliciting, selling, or taking orders for, or offering to sell or take orders for any goods or services.
- (11) **Mobile frozen dairy food vendors** shall mean any person who operates a vehicle on the streets of the city for the purposes of soliciting sales of frozen dairy food, either made or produced at the time of the sale, or prepackaged and wrapped in a covering.
- (12) **Mobile ice cream truck** is a mobile food unit that operates from a motor vehicle and sells only prepackaged, single-portion, ice cream or frozen confections.
- (13) **Peddle** shall mean traveling by foot, wagon, vehicle, or any other type of conveyance from street to street carrying, conveying, or transporting goods, wares, or merchandise and offering or exposing them for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers; or without traveling from place to place, exhibits, displays, sells, or offers for sale, such products from a wagon, handcart, pushcart, motor vehicle, conveyance, or from their person, while on the public right-of-way of the City of Redwater.
- (14) **Peddler** shall mean any person traveling by foot, wagon, vehicle, or any other type of conveyance from street to street carrying, conveying, or transporting goods, wares, or merchandise and offering or exposing them for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers; or who, without traveling from place to place, exhibits, displays, sells, or offers for sale, such products from a wagon, handcart, pushcart, motor vehicle, conveyance, or from his person, while on the public right-of-way of the City of Redwater. A peddler also includes any street vendor, itinerant vendor, or transient vendor.
- (15) **Public right-of-way** for the purposes of this article shall mean a legally established area or strip of land, either public or private, on which an irrevocable rite of passage has been recorded, and which is occupied, or intended to be occupied, by a street, utility service, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main, or other similar use. Right-of-way also includes the travel portion of the roadway and all traffic medians.
- (16) **Residential street** means a thoroughfare or public driveway, other than an alley, not on the city's master thoroughfare plan, which has been dedicated or deeded to the public for general use and affords a principal means of vehicular or other access to property abutting thereon.
- (17) **Solicitation** or **soliciting** means the solicitation at a residence through the attempt or act of asking, bartering, or communicating in any manner for the purpose of selling or offering to sell goods, services, or realty for any purpose, which includes promoting, advertising, receiving or

obtaining money, gifts or items of value for said individual or group of individuals, or organization, club, company, corporation.

- (18) **Temporary business** means one that continues for 45 days or less; and, exists whether solicitation is from a stand, vehicle, or freestanding.
- (19) **Transient vendor** shall mean vendors who sell items for a limited time and have no permanent place of business at that location. Examples of places where transient vendor sales may take place are at fairs, bazaars, flea markets, art or craft shows, or concerts.

SECTION 3: COMMERCIAL HOME SOLICITATION AND COMMERCIAL HOME DISTRIBUTION

(A) Commercial home solicitation and commercial home distribution on private property.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution upon residential property within the city without first obtaining a written permit as prescribed by this article.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to approach any part of a residence other than the front door.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person(s), handbill distributors, or commercial home solicitors to distribute or cause to be distributed, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered, or cast, any handbill upon any residential property except:
 - a. By handing or transmitting such handbill directly to the owner or occupant then present in or upon such private premises; or
 - b. By placing or depositing the same in a manner to secure and prevent such handbill from being blown or drifting about such premises, except that mailboxes may not be used when prohibited by federal postal laws or regulations.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or cause to be distributed, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered, or cast any handbill upon any residential property or to go upon any residential premises for the purpose of commercial home solicitation; or commercial home distribution; and ring the doorbell, knock upon the door or create any sound for the purpose of attracting the attention of the occupants of the residence if:
 - a. Requested by anyone thereon not to do so; or
 - b. If there is placed on such premises in a conspicuous place upon or near the main entrance to the residence, a weatherproof sign, not less than three inches by four inches in size bearing the words "no trespassing," "no peddlers," "no advertisements," "no solicitation," "no handbills," or any similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of such premises do not desire to have any such handbills left upon their premises. The letters on such signs shall be not less than two-thirds of an inch in height.
- (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to employ, use, or otherwise put into service, a child who is 15 years of age or less to engage in a commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution, unless the child is soliciting or distributing within 1,000 feet of the child's home, or the child is actively supervised by an adult at least 18 years of age who is within 100 feet of the child, or who has written consent from a parent or legal guardian for a charitable purpose.
- (6) No person shall leave any unsolicited pamphlet, unsolicited brochure, unsolicited flyer, unsolicited package, or unsolicited printed advertisement at a residence at a place further than five feet from the front door of the residence.

(B) Display of identification.

- (1) The person(s) in charge of conducting commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution shall ensure that all commercial home solicitors, or commercial home distributors involved, possess on their person photo identification, such as a valid driver license, or other valid

governmental identification that correctly identifies whom the solicitor/distributor is and for whom the solicitor/distributor is working.

- (2) It shall be unlawful for any commercial home solicitor(s) or commercial home distributor(s) to fail or refuse to show or display such identification upon the request of any person.
 - (3) It shall be unlawful for any commercial home solicitors or commercial home distributors to engage in commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution without having a copy of the permit in their possession, except that where the person who will be peddling or soliciting is 15 years of age or less.
 - a. Such person shall be supervised by a person who is over the age of 18 years of age and who shall obtain a license on behalf of the person to be supervised.
 - (4) The permit holder must ensure that the permit is properly displayed while conducting peddling, commercial home solicitation, or commercial home distribution activities.
 - a. Properly displayed shall mean attached or hung so that the permit is clearly visible to the public and law enforcement officials.
 - (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct themselves as a commercial home distributor without wearing an orange traffic safety vest.
- (C) Solicitation in selected public right-of-way.
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit or to distribute handbills on, in, upon, or around any public right-of-way, with or without a permit.
 - (2) Employees of the City of Redwater are hereby exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) above, provided approval is first obtained from the Mayor or his designee.
- (D) Solicitation for purposes not set out in the application.
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any commercial home solicitor to solicit for a purpose other than that set out in the application upon which the permit was issued.

SECTION 4: SOLICITATION PROHIBITED-HOURS.

- (A) It shall be unlawful to solicit, peddle, or distribute on residential property prior to 9:00 a.m. or after dusk of any day Monday through Saturday, or any time on Sunday or any other federally designated holiday.
- (1) This section shall not apply to a visit to the premises as a result of a request or invitation made by the occupant, invitation of the owner of the property, or a person residing on the premises.
- (B) It shall be unlawful to solicit, peddle, or distribute on residential property on any day where the department of homeland security has issued a formal alert regarding a specific or credible terrorist threat resulting in an imminent or elevated threat level. The mayor may suspend any commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution activities until such time that the threat level is rescinded. This section shall not apply to a visit to the premises as a result of a request or invitation made by the occupant, invitation of the owner of the property or a person residing on the premises.

SECTION 5: ITINERANT VENDORS.

- (A) Requirements.
- (1) It shall be unlawful to operate a mobile ice cream truck, stationary food truck/trailer, or any other itinerant street vendor vehicle in the city, and no person who owns or controls a mobile ice cream truck, food truck/trailer or itinerant street vendor vehicle shall permit it to be so operated at any time, unless the driver or owner of said vehicle shall have first obtained, and shall then have in force, an itinerant street vendor permit, issued under the provisions of this article.
 - (2) All permits shall be for specific time periods, dates, and locations.

- (3) With permit, mobile frozen dairy food vendors, mobile ice cream trucks or other itinerant vendor vehicles (not including stationary food trucks/trailers) are permitted to vend in an area for a short period of time and move to multiple other locations, providing they do not remain at a location for more than 30 minutes, without specific approval, as contained in the permit.
 - (4) Sound equipment must be limited to music or human speech and can only be used between 11:00 a.m. and dusk each day.
 - (5) Sound may not be broadcast within 100 yards of schools, hospitals, churches, funeral homes, or cemeteries and shall meet all noise nuisance provisions contained in the City of Redwater Nuisance Ordinance. Music must be played at a reasonably low volume while the unit is stopped for vending. If the unit is stopped for vending for more than ten minutes, then music shall be turned off.
 - (6) A sign or decal must be visible at all times with the business address and telephone number of the vendor permit holder printed on the side of the vehicle in letters of not less than two inches in height.
 - (7) Vehicles must be in good condition and have a current safety inspection sticker from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
 - (8) All itinerant vendors shall comply with all provisions of the City of Redwater Ordinances and Zoning Regulations. Any itinerant vendor seeking to locate at a stationary point for more than 30 minutes must also obtain a temporary use permit from the Redwater City Council.
- (B) Safety Equipment For Mobile Ice Cream Trucks Or Other Mobile Vehicles Vending Food Products To Children.
- (1) Signs stating "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" or "SLOW CHILDREN CROSSING" must be posted on the front, back, and both sides of the vehicle in at least four-inch letters of contrasting colors in distinctive lettering, which is visible at 300 feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight, upon a straight, level roadway, or highway. Swing arms stating "Stop for Children" may be used as an option on the side of the vehicle in lieu of the signage with four-inch lettering.
 - (2) A serving window capable of being closed when not in use must be provided and located on the curbside only.
 - (3) The vehicle must be provided with left and right outside rear view mirrors, as well as two additional outside wide-angle mirrors on the front and back of the vehicle to enable the driver, in his normal seated position, to see around the entire vehicle and see the area in front of the vehicle obscured by the hood. Rear mirrors shall not be required if the vehicle is equipped with a no ride bumper.
 - (4) All vehicles must have operable four-way, yellow, flashing hazard lights to warn approaching drivers of children.
 - (5) A rear bumper cover or a no ride bumper must be installed to prevent children from standing or jumping on the rear of the vehicle.
 - (6) A trash receptacle to dispose of all litter that is generated from products sold from the mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, or other itinerant street vendor vehicle.

SECTION 6: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.

(A) Commercial home solicitation.

- (1) A person or organization seeking a permit for the purpose of conducting home solicitation shall file an application with the City Secretary's office. The application shall contain the following information:
 - a. The full and legally recognized names and any associated aliases, logos, nicknames, and abbreviated names of the entity or person applying for a permit to solicit;

- b. Whether the person applying is an individual, partnership, corporation, or association, and:
 - i. The business or residence address and telephone number of the applicant;
 - ii. If a partnership, the names of all partners, the principal business address, and telephone number of each partner;
 - iii. If a corporation, the person applying shall state whether it is organized under the laws of this state, another state, or is a foreign corporation, and must show the mailing address, business location, telephone number, name of the individual in charge of such corporation, and, if a foreign corporation, the place of incorporation;
 - iv. If an association, the application shall show the association's principal business address and telephone number, if any, and shall show names and principal business or residence addresses, and telephone numbers of all members of the association unless they exceed ten in number, in which case the application shall so state and the person registering may alternatively list the name and principal business or residence addresses, and telephone numbers of the officers and directors, or trustees of the association;
 - v. If the association is a part of a multi-state organization or association, the mailing address and business location of its central office shall be given, in addition to the mailing address and business location of its local office.
- c. The names, mailing address, and telephone number of all individuals who will be in direct charge or control of the solicitation;
- d. The time period within which the solicitation is to be made, giving the date of the beginning of solicitation and its projected conclusion, and the specific location(s);
- e. A description of the methods and means by which the solicitation is to be accomplished;
- f. The type of merchandise to be sold or offered for sale or the nature of the services to be furnished;
- g. Whether such applicant, upon any such order so obtained, will demand, accept, or receive payment, or deposit of money in advance of final delivery;
- h. A permit will not be issued if there is an affirmative statement as to whether the applicant has ever been:
 - i. Convicted of, or pleaded nolo contendere, to a misdemeanor involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of property within the preceding ten years, or convicted of, or pleaded nolo contendere, to any felony or any offense involving moral turpitude;
 - ii. Found liable in a civil or administrative action in which the complaint, or petition alleged fraud, theft, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or the use of untrue or misleading representations in an attempt to sell or dispose of property, or to obtain money or a thing of value from another;
 - iii. Found liable under any law regarding the use of unfair, unlawful, or deceptive business practices; or
 - iv. Subject to an injunction or restrictive court order relating to business activity as the result of an action brought by a federal, state, or local public agency, including an action affecting a vocational license.
- i. The names of any cities where the applicant has worked in the previous 365 days;
- j. Two full-face photographs of each applicant, two inches square;
- k. A copy of a valid state tax sales certificate, if applicable;
- l. An authorization to conduct a criminal background check on the applicant;

- m. Any other information, which the city deems necessary for the administration of this Ordinance.
- (2) The application must be signed by the applicant and accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 and a permit fee of \$75.00, if approved. Such application shall also show satisfactory written proof of the individual's authority to represent the company.
 - (3) Information provided by applicant will be subject to verification by City Hall personnel.
 - (4) Failure to provide a complete and thorough application or falsification of any part of the application shall be grounds for the denial or revocation of a permit.
 - (5) After review of the permit application and within ten business days of the receipt of the application, the mayor, city secretary, or their designee shall either issue a permit, as provided in this article, or notify the person applying that the application does not comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, specifying why the application is incomplete, or otherwise does not comply.
 - (6) If the applicant is 15 years of age or less, a copy of the parental consent form required by Section 51.0145 of the Texas Labor Code and the name, address, and telephone number of all persons who will be responsible for supervising the activities of the applicant must be provided.
 - (7) A permit granted under this article shall be valid only until the termination of the solicitation period specified in the permit or for thirty (30) days, whichever is less. Each application for renewal must verify permit information as correct, and provide copies of sales tax returns for the prior permit period.
- (B) Commercial home distribution.
- (1) No person shall engage in a commercial home distribution without having a valid, current permit issued under the provisions of this Ordinance by the city secretary's office. The application shall contain the following:
 - a. The name, date of birth and mailing address of the person(s) applying;
 - b. The name, mailing address and phone number of the handbill sponsor and company organizing the distribution of same;
 - c. The time period and locations within which commercial home distributions will be made, including the proposed beginning date, the projected date of conclusion, and an estimate of how often the applicant will distribute during the permit period;
 - d. A description of the methods and means by which the commercial home distributions will be accomplished;
 - e. A description of the goods or services to be sold or offered through the distribution;
 - f. If the applicant is 15 years of age or less, a copy of the parental consent form required by Section 51.0145 of the Texas Labor Code and the name, address, and telephone number of all persons who will be responsible for supervising the activities of the applicant must be provided;
 - g. A permit will not be issued if there is an affirmative statement as to whether the applicant has ever been:
 - i. Convicted of, or pleaded nolo contendere, to a misdemeanor involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of property within the preceding ten years, or convicted of, or pleaded nolo contendere, to any felony or any offense involving moral turpitude;
 - ii. Found liable in a civil or administrative action in which the complaint or petition alleged fraud, theft, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or the use of untrue or misleading representations in an attempt to sell or dispose of property, or to obtain money or a thing of value from another;

- iii. Found liable under any law regarding the use of unfair, unlawful, or deceptive business practices; or
 - iv. Subject to an injunction or restrictive court order relating to business activity as the result of an action brought by a federal, state, or local public agency, including an action affecting a vocational license.
 - (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to file an application for a commercial home distribution permit that contains any false statement of fact.
 - (3) The names of any cities where the applicant has worked in the previous 365 days.
 - (4) The application for the permit must be signed by the applicant and accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 and a permit fee of \$75.00, if approved. Such application shall also show satisfactory written proof of the individual's authority to represent the company.
 - (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in a commercial home distribution without carrying the permit required by this article, on his or her person, while so engaged, or to display a permit issued in the name of another person.
 - (6) After review of the permit application and within ten business days of the receipt of the application, the city secretary or her designee shall either issue a permit, as provided in this article, or notify the person applying that the application does not comply with the requirements of this article, specifying why the application is incomplete or otherwise does not comply.
 - (7) A permit granted under this article shall be valid only until the termination of the solicitation period specified in the permit or for thirty (30) days, whichever is less, but may be renewed once for 30 days, if made within the initial 30 day period of the original permit. Each application for renewal must verify permit information as correct and provide copies of sales tax returns for the prior permit period.
- (C) Group registration (applies to commercial home distribution permits only).
- (1) A person may apply for a group registration applicable to two or more persons who desire to engage in commercial home distributions.
 - (2) The registration application shall contain all of the information required herein for each person who will be engaging in commercial home distributions under the group registration.
 - (3) The application must be signed by a person responsible for the group application and shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 and an additional permit fee of \$75.00 for each person to be included under the group application.
 - (4) Provided that, if the applicant registers ten or more persons under a group application, the additional permit fee shall be \$10.00 per person. The applicant for group registration shall provide each person distributing under the applicant's registration an identification badge to be worn and displayed while the person is engaging in a commercial home distribution.
- (D) Itinerant vendors.
- (1) Every driver or owner or person desiring a permit to conduct sales activity in the city as a mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor shall make a written application therefore to the city secretary's office. The application shall be made on a form approved by the city secretary, accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee and a \$75.00 permit fee if approved, and state the following:
 - a. Name, business address, and telephone number of applicant;
 - b. Name, address, and telephone number of the person, firm, or corporation the applicant is representing; the agent or service of process of a corporation, and/or name and address of any owner of a business not incorporated, and the assumed name of said business filed in the index in the county of its home office, for any business;

- c. Attached to the application shall be a certified original copy of the sales tax permit issued by the comptroller of the state;
 - d. Statement of the kind, type, and character of solicitation and/or the goods that applicant will offer for sale, and state whether the purchaser of such wares or goods shall be required to make any deposit or advance payment of purchase price before delivery, and a complete and full statement of the delivery date;
 - e. The period of time the applicant requests to sell or solicit in the city;
 - f. Location or area of the city where sales activity will be conducted;
 - g. List of all convictions of all felonies and misdemeanors and violations of this article of applicant and representatives, stating the offense, city and state, the court of conviction, and the punishment imposed;
 - h. Name and phone number of three character witnesses for applicant who can be contacted within 48 hours;
 - i. If sales are to be conducted from one or more stationary locations, the applicant shall submit written consent of the property owner, or its authorized agent consenting to applicant's use of such private property for sales activity indicated in the permit application;
 - j. Names of each employee, agent, or representative for whom the applicant will sell, offer, exhibit, or solicit orders for the sale of goods, wares, or merchandise for, or on behalf of, the applicant;
 - k. The name of all cities in which the applicant has conducted sales activity in the last 365 days.
- (2) No itinerant street vendor permit of any kind shall be granted unless:
- a. The applicant is at least 18 years of age, has a valid state issued driver license;
 - b. The applicant has no active suspension on his or her driving privileges in any state;
 - c. No permit shall be issued if the applicant has been convicted of, or pleaded nolo contendere to, any felony or any offense involving moral turpitude.
- (3) Before a permit is issued by the city secretary's office, the applicant will be required to furnish a policy of liability insurance, in the amount of \$250,000.00 per incident. This policy must include a provision that the city will be notified within 30 days if this policy of insurance is to be cancelled for any reason.
- a. Cancellation of an insurance policy for a mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor shall be an automatic revocation of the permit issued to that mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor.
 - b. Cancellation of an insurance policy for any company that operates any mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor shall be an automatic revocation of all city permits issued to all mobile ice cream trucks, mobile frozen dairy food vendors, food trucks/trailers, or other itinerant street vendors operated by that company.
- (4) Vehicles must be in good condition and have a current safety inspection sticker from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
- (5) Any itinerant vendor handling or selling non-prepackaged food must also possess a current Bowie County Public Health Department Food Handler Card. Proof of an annual health department inspection shall be provided at the time of permit application. The inspection shall be performed by a registered sanitarian licensed in the State of Texas and employed with a county or city health department in the State of Texas.

- (6) When the application is approved, the mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor's permit shall be issued in card form. The photograph of the driver, if applicable, shall be attached to the card.
 - a. Each driver will be given a mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor permit number, which will be on such permit. This card shall be posted in a prominent place in the mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor vehicle, and shall be shown to any customer, peace officer, or city official upon request.
 - b. A copy of the permit shall be posted in the mobile ice cream truck, mobile frozen dairy food vendor, food truck/trailer, or other itinerant street vendor vehicle at all times.
- (7) A permit granted under this article shall be valid for thirty (30) days. Each application for renewal must verify permit information as correct, and provide copies of sales tax returns for the prior permit period.

SECTION 7: EXEMPTION FROM PERMIT FEES.

The permit fees shall not be required of charitable solicitations, ordinary commercial travelers who sell or exhibit for sale goods, wares, or merchandise to persons selling and dealing in the same within the city, or individuals who file a statement with the city secretary's office indicating their indigent status.

SECTION 8: INVESTIGATION OF THE APPLICANT.

- (A) In addition to all permit fees, each applicant for any type of permit in this article shall pay a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of conducting a criminal background check on the applicant(s).
- (B) It shall be the duty of the mayor, city secretary or their designee, to investigate each applicant for a permit under this Ordinance, before issuance of such a permit based on a review of the applicant's background.

SECTION 9: ISSUANCE, DENIAL, REVOCATION.

- (A) The city secretary's office shall issue the applicant a commercial home solicitation, commercial home distribution, or itinerant vendor permit if the city secretary, or her designee determines that the application has been fully and accurately completed, the permit application fee has been paid, and that the applicant has satisfied each requirement of this article. If not, the city secretary, or her designee, may deny the permit.
- (B) A commercial home solicitation, commercial home distribution, or itinerant vendor permit may be revoked if the mayor or city secretary so determines that reasonable cause exists to believe that:
 - (1) A statement of fact contained in the application was false or materially misleading;
 - (2) The permit holder has failed to comply with any of the provisions of this article;
 - (3) Any of the conditions of this article is, or has become applicable, to the permit holder; or
 - (4) The permit holder has engaged in a commercial home solicitation or commercial home distribution that involves the use of false, misleading, fraudulent, or deceptive acts.
- (C) The city secretary, or her designee, shall provide notice of the revocation by certified mail, personal service, or courier-receipted commercial delivery sent to the address provided on the permit holder's application.
- (D) The permit holder may appeal the denial or revocation of a permit to the City Council of the City of Redwater by filing a written notice of appeal to the City Council of the City of Redwater within ten

business days of delivery of notice of the denial or revocation. The City Council shall render a decision on the appeal within thirty (30) business days of the date of the receipt of the appeal. The decision of the City Council shall be final. A revocation shall remain in effect for a period of one year, during which time the permit holder may not be issued another commercial home solicitation, commercial home distribution, or itinerant vendor permit.

SECTION 10: EXEMPTIONS TO PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS.

- (A) The following shall be exempt from the permitting requirements of this article:
- (1) Religious organizations exclusively for the distribution of literature and other items for the purpose of proselytizing, provided that no fees are charged, and no donations are solicited;
 - (2) Anonymous political speech;
 - (3) Charitable purpose;
 - (4) The provisions of this article shall not apply to sales made under authority and by order of law, nor to persons, or their authorized representatives, who have previously established with the owners or occupants of such private residences or property a regular business, trade, service, or other contractual relationship;
 - (5) Any operation, which is exempted by state or federal statute from this article, is exempt only to the extent of such applicable exemption;
 - (6) Any person claiming to be legally exempt from the provisions of this article, including the payment of the permit, or investigation fee, shall make such a claim in writing to the mayor, citing the applicable statute or authority, and providing proof of its applicability.

SECTION 11: MISCELLANEOUS OCCASIONAL SALES OF NONFOOD ITEMS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Occasional sales, whether classified as garage sales, yard sales, or any other display for sale of any other item not classified in this article in a noncommercial zoned district, such as personal items; trucks, automobiles, or tractors registered to a person residing on the premises; used household items or furniture; or any other item not grown, harvested, manufactured, processed, created, gathered, or otherwise produced on the premises, shall be exempt from permitting. No signs shall be erected on property other than the location where the products are sold, or services are conducted.

SECTION 12: SALES ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PROHIBITED.

No person may display products for sale or conduct the sale of products anywhere within the public right-of-way.

SECTION 13: OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND SALES OF HOMEGROWN PRODUCE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

- (A) A temporary sign advertising the products sold may be erected on the premises, in accordance with the sign ordinance.
- (B) Homegrown or home-produced food products may consist of, but are not limited to, peaches, pears, apples, nuts, berries, eggs, tomatoes, beans, peas, grapes, or products processed on the premises from food items such as jams, jellies, preserves, candies, pies, juices, or any other edible food product.
- (C) Where fruits, vegetables, and other food items are to be displayed and sold for more than nine months per year, a special use permit shall be required in every zoning district.

SECTION 14: PENALTIES.

- (A) Any person violating any provision of this article or failing to observe any provisions of this article shall have their permit revoked immediately and will not be entitled to reapply for a period of one year from the date of the revocation. In the event of such forfeiture of permit, no part of such permit fee as may have been so paid shall be refunded to such person, and;
- (B) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the terms or provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be punished by a fine in a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.
 - (1) In case of any willful violation of any of the terms and provisions of this article, the city, in addition to imposing the penalties above provided, may institute any appropriate action or proceeding in any court having proper jurisdiction, to restrain, correct or abate such violations; and the definition of any violation of the terms of this article as a misdemeanor, shall not preclude the city from invoking the civil remedies given it by the laws of the state, but same shall be cumulative and subject to prosecution as hereinabove prescribed for such violations.


SECTION 15: SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER CLAUSE.

- (A) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to a particular set of persons or circumstances, should for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and to such end the various portions and provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
- (B) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

SECTION 16: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval, and replaces Ordinance No. 16-22-1.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Regular Council Session on this the 14th day of October, 2019.



 ROBERT LORANCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 DESSIE WHELCHER, CITY SECRETARY, TRMC

