

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP
TRANSIENT VENDOR RULES**

Chester Township Police Department
12696 Opalocka Dr.
Chesterland, Ohio 44026

Police Department Administrative Line: 440-729-1239
Police Department Emergency Line: 440-729-1234
Town Hall Administrative Line: 440-729-7058

It is the responsibility of the person completing this application to distribute a copy of these rules to each and every person listed as a peddler or solicitor on this application. If a peddler or solicitor fails to follow these rules that person's Transient Vendor Registration can be immediately revoked by the Chester Township Board of Trustees or Administrator, the Chester Township Police Chief, or his designee.

Transient Vendors interested in doing business in Chester Township will be required to submit an application 14 days in advance of their solicitation. The information will be verified through our Police Department and the vendor will be required to pay a fee of \$75.00. They will be provided with this list of rules, which will include hours they are permitted to solicit and a requirement to carry a copy of the license with them at all times. The regulations will prohibit solicitation in residences or businesses that display signage that prohibits peddling or soliciting activities. If a person or company is found to be soliciting without having obtained an approved Transient Vendor Permit, they will be directed to the police department to begin the application process and the fee will be increased to \$100.00

- a) No registered transient vendor shall be permitted to engage in or conduct any peddling or soliciting activities, or do so on behalf of any other persons, organizations, or entities, other than as specified on the person's application.
- b) No registered transient vendor shall be permitted to engage in or conduct any peddling or solicitation activities except during "reasonable business hours", being 9:00 a.m. EST and 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Saturday. In addition, no registered transient vendor shall be permitted to peddle or solicit on a Sunday, or any legal holiday.
- c) No registered transient vendor shall enter or attempt to enter the residence of any citizen without an expressed invitation from the head of the household, or an occupant adult over the age of eighteen.
- d) No registered transient vendor engaged in or conducting any peddling or solicitation activities shall make any false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statements to any persons.

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- e) No registered transient vendor shall peddle or solicit, or attempt to peddle or solicit, any occupants or persons in residence or buildings displaying signage on or around the front of the residence or building which prohibits or purports to prohibit peddling or soliciting activities at the premises, unless such registered transient vendor was previously expressly invited onto the premises by the owner, lessee, or an occupant adult over the age of eighteen.

- f) Each registered transient vendor shall carry a copy of his/her current certificate of registration at all times while engaged in any activities relating to, or in connection with peddling or soliciting within the Township, and shall exhibit it to any citizen, police officer or Township official upon request.

- g) Each transient vendor shall wear a badge identifying his/her full name, and the name of any person, organization, or entity that the individual is employed by, represents, or will act as an agent of, in connection with any peddling or soliciting, at all times while engaged in any activities related to, or in connection with, peddling or soliciting within the Township.

- h) No transient vendor shall enter the property of, or attempt any peddling or soliciting at any residence, business, or address listed on the **CHESTER TOWNSHIP "NO KNOCK LIST"**. The residents, business owners, and/or agents of these listed addresses have specifically indicated that they do not want any transient vendors to enter their property for peddling or solicitation purposes. Any registered transient vendor that enters onto property on the CHESTER TOWNSHIP NO KNOCK LIST could be arrested for trespassing.