



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of July 22, 2014

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 29, 2014

**DATE:** June 20, 2014  
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Amending Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the peddler permit and unlawful solicitation sections of the code

**CAPTION:** Amending Chapter 38, Section 22 of the Corpus Christi Code to modify the hours soliciting is allowed and to prohibit soliciting at homes with no soliciting or trespass signs; amending Chapter 38, Section 6 of the Corpus Christi Code to require proof of identification and background checks for peddler, commercial solicitor and itinerant merchant permittees and deny permits to applicants convicted of any felony or of any offense involving moral turpitude; amending Chapter 38, Section 4 of the Corpus Christi Code to require the displaying of permit; amending Chapter 38, Section 3 and Section 2 of the Corpus Christi Code to exempt local youth organizations from permitting process; amending Chapter 38, ARTICLE II. SOLICITATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES of the Corpus Christi Code in its entirety; providing for severance; providing for publication; providing for penalty; and providing an effective date.

**PURPOSE:** Modifications are necessary to provide more specific guidelines for solicitation and for the safety of citizens.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:** The changes to the ordinance are:

1. Hours changed to 9:00 am – 7:00 pm daylight savings time or 6:00 pm standard time to prevent solicitation after sunset
2. Soliciting not allowed at premises with “No Soliciting” or “No Trespassing” signs.
3. Adding a criminal background check to the application. This will be a name search that does not require fingerprints. Development Services will be set up to run the search.
4. Applicants will be required to submit a government ID with photo for a permit.
5. Applicants will be required to wear or display their permit visible to the public and law enforcement officials.
6. Local youth organizations with a physical address in the City of Corpus Christi are exempt from peddler permit.
7. Unlawful for any person under the age of 16 to stand in a roadway to solicit or accept funds from an occupant of a vehicle. Unlawful for any person to stand in a roadway to solicit or accept funds from an occupant of a vehicle without wearing a reflective safety vest.
8. Eliminating the charitable solicitor permitting.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Conforms to all city policies.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital      X Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered / Expended Amount				0
This item				0
BALANCE				0

Fund(s):

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends supporting changes to the ordinance.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance