

Village of



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Police Department

Mark G. Fleischhauer
Chief of Police

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Potential Solicitors,

This letter is to inform all potential solicitors of several changes to the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances that may affect how your organization conducts future fundraising activities within the Village. Chapter 625 ILCS § 5/11-1006 (c) (State Statute) prohibits the solicitation of contributions from the occupants of any vehicle unless the municipality expressly permits this activity by ordinance.

Due to the increasing number of charitable organizations soliciting from the limited number of locations available within the community it has been necessary to make some changes to our existing ordinance. At the Board Meeting on October 6, 2009, the Vernon Hills Village Board approved the following modifications to Ordinance 15-7 as follows:

Section (e) - Not more than two solicitation events in any calendar year are permitted within the Village by any qualifying solicitation organization; no approved solicitation event shall continue for more than two consecutive days in the Village; and therefore no qualifying soliciting organization may solicit in the Village for more than four days in any calendar year.

Section (f) - No soliciting organization, agency or project may commence solicitation activities without prior Village approval.

Due to the number of organizations soliciting in Vernon Hills, these changes were necessary to allow every charitable association an opportunity to raise funds for their organization without competition or conflicts with other groups and organizations. A complete copy of the Village's solicitation ordinance has been attached for your convenience.

Groups and organizations planning on soliciting within Vernon Hills should send a written request, including the name of the organization, a copy of your "Not For Profit" certificate issued by the State of Illinois, the coordinator's name, and the date(s) and locations where solicitation is planned, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the planned activity to the Vernon Hills Village Clerk's Office, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Fleischhauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Mark Fleischhauer
Chief of Police



Village of Vernon Hills Solicitation Ordinance

(Amended 10/09)

Sec. 15-7. Solicitation and peddling on streets and highways.

(a) No person shall stand on any state or federal highway within the village, or on any right-of-way of same for the purpose of peddling or soliciting.

(b) No person shall stand on any street or roadway within the village, or on any right-of-way of same for the purpose of peddling or soliciting except that persons soliciting for charitable contributions from the occupant of any vehicle may do so upon satisfying all of the following requirements:

- The soliciting organization, agency or project is registered with the attorney general as a charitable organization as provided by the Solicitation for Charity Act (Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 23, ¶ 5101 et seq.).
- The soliciting organization, agency or project is engaged in a statewide fundraising activity.
- The soliciting organization, agency or project is and will be liable for any injuries to any person or property during the solicitation which is causally related to an act of ordinary negligence of the soliciting agent, and offers a satisfactory proof of same to the village upon request.

(c) Solicitation under this section shall be allowed only at intersections where all traffic is required to come to a full stop.

(d) Any person engaged in the act of solicitation under this section shall be 16 years of age or more and shall be wearing a high-visibility vest.

(e) Not more than two solicitation events in any calendar year are permitted within the Village by any qualifying solicitation organization; no approved solicitation event shall continue for more than two consecutive days in the Village; and therefore no qualifying soliciting organization may solicit in the Village for more than four days in any calendar year.

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