

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2021-125**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 (PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS) OF
THE VERNON HILLS VILLAGE CODE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills, (hereafter the "Village") is a home rule municipality and pursuant to the Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6, has certain powers which it is exercising; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend its Village Code regarding the regulation of Peddlers and Solicitors; and

WHEREAS, in exercise of its home-rule authority, the Village, through its President and Board of Trustees, has found and determined that amending the Village Code is in the best interest of the Village's citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS as follows:

SECTION 1: That the findings contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Chapter 15, Article I, Section 1 of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Soliciting means any one or more of the following activities:

Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs or services of any kind, character or description whatsoever, for any kind of consideration whatsoever.

Seeking to obtain prospective customers for application or purchase of insurance of any type, kind or character.

Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, newspapers and every other type or kind of publication.

Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing or any other valuable thing for the support or benefit of any charitable or nonprofit association, religious group, organization, corporation, or project.

Seeking an immediate donation of money upon any public way, public place or park in the Village or other gratuity on behalf of the solicitor.

SECTION 3: That Chapter 15 “Peddlers and Solicitors” of the Vernon Hills Municipal Code, Section 15.7 entitled “Solicitation and Peddling on Streets and highways,” is hereby amended as follows:

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.~~

(a) Solicitation under this section shall be allowed only at intersections where all traffic is required to come to a full stop **and shall be prohibited at all times at the following intersections due to the volume and speed of traffic:** .

1. All portions of Illinois Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue);
2. All portions of Illinois Route 60 (Townline Road);
3. All portions of Illinois Route 45; and
4. All portions of Butterfield Road.

~~(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.~~

(b) 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.

(c) Other than as exempted by Section 15-41 of this Chapter 15, no soliciting organization, agency or project may commence solicitation activities without prior village approval.

SECTION 4: That Chapter 15 “Peddlers and Solicitors” of the Vernon Hills Municipal Code, Section 15-41 entitled “Licensing and age exemptions,” is hereby amended to add subparagraph (h) as follows:

(h) Any solicitation made in person upon any street, public way, public place, or park in the village, in which a person requests an immediate donation of money or other gratuity from another person for the benefit of the solicitor.

SECTION 5: Those sections, paragraphs and provisions of Chapter 15 “Peddlers and Solicitors” of the Vernon Hills Municipal Code which are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portion of the Vernon Hills Municipal Code other than expressly amended or repealed in Sections 2-4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate the other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

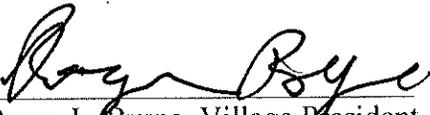
Dated this 19th day of October 2021

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6 – Byrne, Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Takaoka, Oppenheim

NAYS: 0 - None

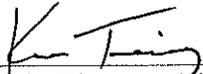
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Schenk


Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 10/19/2021

APPROVED: 10/19/2021

ATTEST: 10/19/2021


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

