

CHAPTER 4

Direct Sellers

SEC. 7-4-1 **REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF DIRECT SELLERS, SOLICITORS, HAWKERS, ITINERANT MERCHANTS AND TRANSIENT VENDORS OF MERCHANDISE.**

- (a) **CERTAIN ACTIVITIES DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE.** The practice of going in and upon private residences in the City of Menasha, Wisconsin, by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors of merchandise not having been requested or invited so to do by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of said private residences for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise and/or peddling or hawking, and the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- (b) **EXCEPTIONS.** Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the soliciting by bona fide representatives of religious, veteran, charitable or other organizations which have received a tax-exempt or tax-deduction status by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue provided that said representatives have received a clearance certificate to be issued by the Chief of Police.
- (c) **DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.** It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or his designated officer to issue a clearance certificate for solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors of merchandise who represent bona fide organizations of a charitable, veteran or religious nature, which organization has received a tax-exempt or tax-deduction status by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue upon said representative furnishing said Chief of Police or his delegated officer proper credentials to act. Before issuance of said certificate of clearance, the Chief of Police may require such evidence of business and moral responsibility that he may deem proper provided that such investigation permits qualified personnel to act and does not prohibit.