


**TOWN OF NAPLES**  
**SOLICITATION ORDINANCE**

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### **Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate solicitation within the Town of Naples, Maine, to protect public safety, prevent fraud, and minimize disturbances to residents and businesses.

### **Section 2. Definitions**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

**Solicitation:** The act of seeking donations, contributions, or the sale of goods or services, whether for profit or charitable purposes, by going door-to-door, standing in public places, or otherwise approaching individuals.

**Solicitor:** Any person, organization, business, or entity engaging in solicitation activities.

**Charitable Organization:** A nonprofit organization, registered under state and federal law, that engages in charitable, religious, or community service activities.

**Commercial Solicitation:** Solicitation conducted for financial or business gain.

### **Section 3. Permit Requirement**

1. **Permit Required:** No person or entity shall engage in solicitation within the Town of Naples without first obtaining a permit from the Town Office.
2. **Application Process:** Applicants must submit a completed application, including:
  - a. Full name and contact information
  - b. Description of the solicitation activity
  - c. Duration and locations of solicitation
  - d. Copy of state-issued identification
  - e. If applicable, proof of nonprofit status
  - f. If applicable, the name and address of employer
3. **Fees:** A nonrefundable permit fee shall be set by the Board of Selectmen.

### **Section 4. Exemptions from Fees:**

1. **Religious, Political, or Charitable Organizations** engaging in non-commercial activities.
2. **Local Nonprofits** hosting community events with prior town approval or participating in a school, scout, or other nonprofit fundraisers.

**Section 5. Restrictions On Solicitation**

1. **Hours of Solicitation:** Solicitation is only permitted between **9:00 AM to 7:00 PM**, Monday through Saturday. No solicitation is allowed on Sundays or federal holidays.
2. **No Solicitation Zones:** Solicitation is prohibited on town-owned property, except with express written permission from the Town of Naples.
3. **No Solicitation Signs:** It is unlawful to solicit at any residence or business displaying a "No Solicitation" sign.
4. **Aggressive Solicitation Prohibited:** No solicitor shall:
  - a. Continue soliciting after a person has declined.
  - b. Intentionally block pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
  - c. Use threatening, obscene, or intimidating language.

**Section 6. Expiration Date**

1. All permits issued under this ordinance shall expire one year from their date of issue.

**Section 7. Enforcement & Penalties**

1. **Complaint Process:** Residents may report violations to the Naples Town Office or local law enforcement.
2. **Revocation of Permit:** The town may revoke a permit for violation of this ordinance.