

County Code Regulations for
Door to Door Sales People

Starting in the spring of each year, we get calls from Chartley residents complaining about door-to-door sales people trying to sell everything from the kitchen sink to fresh air. We have periodically summarized what the County Code specifies that these people can and cannot do, but due to the volume of concerns relayed to us last year, we thought we would publish the salient points for your use directly from the County Code itself. May we suggest that you print this down and keep it on your refrigerator or somewhere else that is convenient for your reference,

Baltimore County Code

TITLE 11. - HUCKSTERS AND PEDDLERS

-11-101. - LICENSE REQUIRED; EXCEPTION.

- a) *In general.* Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person shall be licensed by the Clerk of the Court before the person may hawk, sell, peddle, vend, or offer for sale at retail, or for rent, any fruits, vegetables, fish, meat, poultry, oysters, goods, wares, or merchandise or service of any kind:
 - 1) In or on the streets or highways of the county; or
 - 2) By going from house to house, either in a vehicle or on foot, on the streets or highways of the county.
- b) *Exception.* This title does not apply to:
 - 1) Farmers or growers selling their own vegetables or other perishable farm products; or
 - 2) School-age children who are engaged in fund-raising activities.

§ 21-11-103. - CONTENTS AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

- a) *Contents.* The information required under § 21-11-102(1) of this title shall be noted on a license issued under this title.
- b) *Labels or tags*
 - 1) The Clerk of the Court shall issue to each licensee a gum label or metal tag for each vehicle bearing:

- a) The inscription "Baltimore County Huckster's License No. _____", which number shall be the same number as the number in the license issued to the applicant for each vehicle; and
 - b) The expiration date of the license.
- 2) The licensee shall attach the label or tag to the vehicle to be used on the right-hand side of the vehicle and the label or tag shall at all times be visible.
- c) *Display.* When engaged in selling or offering goods for sale, the licensee shall:
- 1) Carry the license either in the vehicle or on the licensee's person; and
 - 2) Exhibit the license whenever requested to do so by any police officer or by any person to whom the licensee is selling or offering to sell the goods described in this title.

21-11-106. - PROHIBITED ACTS.

A person subject to this title may not offer any service or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant of a residential property in the county if the owner or occupant has visibly displayed on the property a "no soliciting " sign, or a sign containing similar words.

A person subject to this title may not offer any service or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant of a residential property in the county before 9:00 a.m. or after 7 p.m. or sunset on any day, whichever is earlier. "Sunset" means the time of day identified by the National Weather Service as the time for sunset on that day in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

21-11-107. - PENALTY.

A person who violates the provisions of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 for each offense.

Please be very careful if you decide to conduct business with any door-to-door sales person and, at a minimum, check with the Maryland Better Business Bureau to see if the sales person or the company they claim to represent is licensed, their BBB rating, and whether or not there are any outstanding claims registered against that person or company, BEFORE signing any contract or paying such a person any money. You can begin your BBB information search by going to

[BBB: Start with Trust® | Glyndon, MD | Better Business Bureau®](#)

Finally, if you would like to find the answer to any County Code or Zoning concern or question, you may do so by going to the following website:

[Baltimore County, MD | Municode Library](#)

We would suggest that you may want to bookmark this website as one of your favorites as it is a very valuable information resource.