



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand

AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO DOOR TO DOOR SALES

31- 509

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—

SECTION 1. Article III of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by inserting after Section 15-52, the following new Section:—

15.52.1 Door to door sales.

A. Definitions.

A “door to door sales” as used in this Section shall mean any act soliciting the sale of goods or services for future delivery by entering upon a residential property without prior invitation of the person to be solicited.

B. Restriction on door to door sales.

No person shall engage in door to door sales activity in the City of New Bedford without first obtaining a license from the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall have the authority to grant a such license to any person age 18 or over deemed suitable at the discretion of the City Clerk after a CORI check review.

C. License.

A license to perform door to door sales shall contain the date issued; expiration date; name of licensed person; address of the licensed person and a photo of the licensed person. The license must be in the possession of the licensee at any time door to door sales is being conducted and be visible during any point of contact with the public.

D. Term.

The license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance and renewed annually in order to be in effect but may be revoked at the discretion of the City Clerk upon any violation of this Section.

E. Fee.

The licensee shall pay \$50 per year and shall expire 1 year after the license is first issued.

F. Enforcement.

Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined \$100 for each violation that occurs and shall also be subject to revocation of the license if the violator possesses a valid license at the time of the violation.

G. Exemptions.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any person soliciting for charitable purposes including but not limited to schools, boy scouts, girl scouts or children's sports leagues.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.