

From the Desk of Councilman Pat Gilligan

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS A REVIEW OF OUR LOCAL LAW

Stratford like most other communities, have enacted ordinances regulating door-to-door soliciting. In Stratford, a solicitor, peddler or hawker is defined as a person who travels from place to place, home to home, offering for sale goods, products or services and or attempting to sell or take orders for products or services.

Prior to engaging in these types of sales, the **Individual** must under-go a background investigation by the Stratford Police Department. Only if the **Individual** passes the background investigation will a Solicitors License be issued. Most times, these salespeople are aware of local permitting requirements and they will display some other lanyards to mislead homeowners. Often, they are coached by their managers to claim ignorance if challenged for a license by homeowners or law enforcement.


When in doubt, please feel free to call the Stratford Police Department non-emergency number (normal business hours) **856-783-8616** or after hours please call **856-783-4900**.

License or no license, no solicitation shall occur prior to 8:30am and shall cease at dusk.

If the person does not have a valid Stratford License, they have not been vetted and are operating illegally in our community.

A replica of a valid Stratford License is shown below. The license is 4X6, laminated and shall be displayed on a lanyard.

REPLICA LICENSE

<p>BOROUGH OF STRATFORD DEPARTMENT OF POLICE 315 Union Avenue LICENSE FOR CANVASSER, SOLICITOR & HAWKER</p>  <p>LICENSE # _____ NAME _____ CO/ORG _____ Expiration January _____</p>
