

ORDINANCE NO. 540

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALDAN,
CHAPTER 172 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Aldan Borough is duly empowered by the Borough code to enact regulations relating to the public health, safety, and welfare of residents of Aldan Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary to regulate peddling and solicitation activities to prevent fraudulent practices, protect residents from unwelcome or intrusive conduct, and ensure that such activities do not disrupt the peace or security of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Aldan has determined that updates to the current peddling and solicitation regulations are required to reflect modern best practices, enhance transparency, and address increased public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to ensure that individuals engaging in peddling and solicitation are properly identified, have passed appropriate background checks, and conduct themselves in a lawful and respectful manner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes the need to exempt certain charitable, nonprofit, and youth-based activities from licensing fees while still maintaining registration requirements to ensure community safety; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Aldan has determined that certain amendments to the Aldan Code, as amended, are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Aldan Borough Council that the Borough Code is amended as attached hereto in Exhibit A.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of Aldan Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, this 21st day of May, 2025.

COUNCIL OF ALDAN BOROUGH

BY: Dan Procopio 5/21/25
Dan Procopio, President

ATTEST: John White

Exhibit A

Chapter 172 -- Peddling and Soliciting

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Aldan 6-8-1977 by Ordinance No. 353. Amendments noted where applicable.]

General References

Nuisances – See Chapter 167.

Streets and Sidewalks – See Chapter 213.

§ 172.1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Borough of Aldan Peddling and Solicitation Chapter.”

§172.2. Definitions; word usage.

A. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PEDDLING – The sale of goods, wares, or merchandise of any sort or description from house to house or upon any of the streets or sidewalks of the Borough of Aldan.

PERSON – Any natural person, association, partnership, firm, or corporation.

SOLICITATION - The taking of orders for goods, wares, or merchandise of any sort or description, including subscriptions for magazines or other printed matter, the obtaining of contracts for home and building devices, repairs or improvements or the securing of contributions or of promises to contribute to various causes and organizations from house to house or upon any of the streets or sidewalks of the Borough of Aldan.

B. In this chapter, the singular shall include the plural, and the terms “person” and “licensee” shall include the feminine, masculine, other, and neuter.

§ 172-3.

§ 172-5.

§ 172-3. Registration and License required.

No person shall engage in peddling or soliciting in the Borough of Aldan without first having registered with the Police Department of the borough and obtained a license from the Borough.

§ 172-4. Application.

Any person desiring to engage in peddling or solicitation in Aldan Borough shall submit a written application to the Aldan Police Department on a form to be furnished by the borough, accompanied by two (2) color photographs, 2.5 inches by 3 inches of the applicant taken within six (6) months prior to the date of the application or if there has been a significant change in the person's appearance during those six months. The application shall state the applicant's name, date of birth, age, sex, height, weight, hair and eye color, home address, phone number, and arrest history. The application shall also state the business name, business address, business HIC license number, applicant's supervisor, and valid business phone number of the company for whom they are working. Also on the application, the applicant will state what is being peddled or solicited for, the length of time they will be engaging in such activity; the make, type, and registration number of any and all vehicles that will be used in this activity. They will also document whether they have ever been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or a crime or any kind involving moral turpitude. The applicant will also provide a set of official fingerprints consisting of both hands and all digits and a current (30 days or less) Criminal History background check.

No license issued under this chapter shall be transferable from one person to another. Where a person makes application for themselves and one or more helpers, all applicable information specified above shall be given for each helper, and an individual license shall be required for each helper. The person applying for the permit will also present a government issued picture ID. A copy will be attached to the application. The Borough Secretary will issue to the applicant an identification license with one of the applicant's photographs affixed within 10 days from the date of filing the application, provided that all information required has been supplied by the applicant.

§ 172-5. Issuance of license.

A license will not be issued to any person who has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or a crime of any kind involving moral turpitude.

§ 172-6. Term of license; fees.

The term of the license to be issued under this chapter shall be for one day, one week, one month, or 6 months. The fee schedule will be established by Aldan Borough Council by resolution.

§172-7. Standards of Conduct.

Every person to whom a license has been issued shall, in the conduct of their activities, comply with the following standard of conduct:

- A. The licensee shall first register with borough police each day before engaging in the approved activities.
- B. The licensee shall always display their license and provide it to any police officer or any person on whom they are calling, with whom they are talking to, or any borough official or citizen.
- C. At no time shall the licensee enter or attempt to enter any dwelling without the express invitation or permission of the occupant and shall immediately leave the premises upon request of the occupant.
- D. The licensee shall only peddle or solicit Monday through Saturday from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday from noon to 5pm.
- E. The licensee shall not be guilty of any false pretense or misrepresentation. They shall not represent the license to be an endorsement by the Borough of Aldan of themselves, their goods, or their services or the goods and services of their employer.
- F. The licensee shall immediately surrender their license to the Borough Secretary or police officer upon revocation thereof.
- G. The licensee shall not peddle or solicit except within the limits of the activity and goods and services specified on their license.
- H. The licensee shall not hawk or cry their wares or services upon such streets, sidewalks or alleys of the borough nor shall they use any loudspeaker or horn or any device for announcing their presence.
- I. The licensee shall not place or deposit any refuse upon any of such streets or alleys. Nor may any such person maintain or keep a street or curbstone market by parking any vehicle upon any street or alley in the borough and vend their wares from that vehicle.
- J. They shall not approach any property with a "Do Not Solicit" notice or words to that effect.

§172.8.

§172.10.

§172-8. Revocation of License

Any license may be revoked by the Borough Secretary if the holder fails to comply with the standards of conduct contained § 172-7 hereof, or any of them, or upon ascertainment by the Police Department that the holder has made a false statement in the application.

§172-9. Exemptions

The license fee provisions of this chapter shall not apply to youth under 18 years of age who take orders for and deliver newspapers, greeting cards, candy, and the like, or who represent Scouting or similar organizations and take orders for and deliver cookies and the like, nor to any person who registered with The Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, 10 P. S. § 162.1 et seq. as required by Act, nor to disabled American service members **nor to disabled veterans securing of contributions or of promises to contribute to various causes and organizations** nor to others exempt by law but such exempt persons shall register with the Aldan Borough Police.

§172-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine.