

ORDINANCE O2024-06-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 143-45 OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD
MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield Municipal Code Chapter 143 pertains, in part, to the regulation of “Peddlers, Hawkers, Canvassers and Solicitors”; and

WHEREAS, this Chapter 143 Article X of the Village of Richfield Municipal Code establishes a framework for permitting and oversight of permit holders by the Village of Richfield, in occasional conjunction with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Village of Richfield grants permits to approximately 12-15 solicitors, and the Village of Richfield works to ensure that these individuals meet certain standards and are authorized to engage with residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to more effectively regulate the actions of transient merchants operating in the Village of Richfield, Village Administrator recommended certain revisions to the Village of Richfield’s ordinance regarding “Peddlers, Hawkers, Canvassers and Solicitors,” including the requirement for permit holders under Chapter 143 Article X to carry permits issued to them to provide a visible and immediate means of verification, allowing residents and law enforcement to quickly ascertain the legitimacy of solicitors; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Richfield finds that these revisions will be a benefit to the health, general welfare, and safety of the Village of Richfield residents by creating further safeguards and requirements for Peddlers, Hawkers, Canvassers and Solicitors operating in the Village of Richfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Richfield Village Board, Washington County, Wisconsin DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS to Amend Section 143-45 of the Village of Richfield Municipal Code entitled “Prohibited practices; disclosure requirements.” as follows:

Section 1. Amend Title of Section 143-45 of the Village Code entitled “Prohibited practices; disclosure requirements” to “Regulations and restrictions”

Section 2. Create Subsection “C” in Section 143-45 in alphabetical order to read as follows:

C. Display of License. *Persons permitted under this section shall carry their permits with them while engaged in permitted activities and shall present said permit to any police officer or citizen upon request. Additionally, persons permitted under this section shall place a copy of said permit on the dashboard of any vehicle used while engaged in permitted activities if left unattended for any amount of time.*

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Section 4. Severability. Several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections, or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication/posting.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2024.

Attest:



Jim Healy, Village Clerk/Administrator



John Jeffords, Village President