

**Town of Somers  
Board of Selectmen  
Legal Notice**

The Somers Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday July 3, 2024, at 4:45pm in the Town Hall Auditorium, 600 Main Street, Somers CT to receive public comment on the following:

1. Revision of Vendors Hawkers Ordinance in section 196-2 adding the following language “Food vendors, including food trucks, serving or selling food from private property where the property has a permit from the Somers Zoning Commission allowing such service or sales are also exempt from the terms of this Ordinance.”

Said proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerks office of the Town of Somers, Town Hall. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received.

Dated at Somers, Connecticut this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

Board of Selectmen

Timothy R.E. Keeney, First Selectman  
William Meier, III, Selectman  
Robert Schmidt, Selectman

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## Chapter 196

### Regulating Hawkers, Vendors, Peddlers, Canvassers and Solicitors

(HISTORY: Adopted 10-07-1957 by the Annual Town meeting of the Town of Somers, effective 10-07-1957. Amendments noted where applicable)

#### Section 1 Definitions

**a. Peddler or Hawker**

As used in this ordinance, means any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from place to place in the Town of Somers selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefore, any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any motor vehicle

**b. Canvasser**

As used in this ordinance, means any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from place to place from house to house, or from street to street in the Town of Somers soliciting and/or collecting money or pledges of money for any purpose

**c. Vendor**

As used in this ordinance, means any person, whether principal or agent, who engages in a temporary or transient business in the Town of Somers, including temporarily remaining in one place for periods of time, selling or bartering or carrying for sale or barter, any goods, wares or merchandise, including food and ice cream, either on foot, motor vehicle, pushcart, stand or table.

**d. Motor Vehicle**

Any vehicle, other than muscular, and registered for operation on public highways by the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department

**e. Street or Public Highway**

Includes all areas within the right-of-way or street line for any Town road or within the street line or right-of-way. This includes the tree belts, sidewalks and any area adjacent thereto up to the boundary line of any adjoining lot

**f. Person**

Any individual or group of individuals associated in any form, whether principal or agent, partnership, corporation, Limited Liability Company, association, club organization

#### Section 2 Exceptions

This ordinance shall not apply to sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms and gardens or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, groceries, meats and bakery goods nor shall this ordinance apply to sales by anyone on behalf of any church, school, community organization or Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, 4H and Future Farmer Groups, American Veterans Organization or any other non-profit making clubs "Food vendors, including food trucks, serving or selling food from private property where the property has a permit from the Somers Zoning Commission allowing such service or sales are also exempt from the terms of this Ordinance"

#### Section 3 – Licensing

- a. No person making application for a license to peddle or vend foodstuffs shall be issued such license until he/she provides to the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, a certificate signed by the Director of Health. The certificate shall indicate the approval of methods and equipment utilized in the peddling or vending of foodstuffs by the applicant in accordance with the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut and any other applicable section therein.
- b. A certificate of insurance covering any mobile vending apparatus must be submitted at the time of application to vend, peddle or sell goods
- c. Unless specifically exempted, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in activity related to vending, hawking, peddling, canvassing and solicitation.