

**ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2024-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS AMENDING  
TITLE 2 CHAPTER 3 OF THE VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES REGARDING PEDDLERS, HAWKERS, AND SOLICITORS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois (“Village”) has adopted a Village Code of Ordinances (“Code”); and

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Code governs Business and License Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of Title 2 governs General Business and Licensing Regulations;  
and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of Title 2, Section 6, governs the Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors;  
and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend Section 2-3-6 concerning Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors to place time restrictions on when peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors, may operate within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend Section 2-3-2 concerning Definitions to broaden the definition of solicitor; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined such amendments are in the best interest of the Village and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. That Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 2-3-2 of the Code regarding Definitions; is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following words and phrases as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is required by the context.

[...]

*Peddler/Hawker.* Any person who travels about selling small wares which he or she carries with him or her.

*Person.* Any individual, organization, group, firm, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, other entity, or any combination thereof, except for such person or persons as may be organized as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, governmental bodies properly organized under the law of the State of Illinois, or Religious Organizations as defined herein.

*Residence.* Any separate living unit in the Village of Poplar Grove occupied for residential purposes by one or more persons, contained within any type of building or structure.

*Religious Organization.* Organizations whose main purpose is to study or advance religion. To qualify as a “religion,” the particular religious beliefs of the organization must be truly and sincerely held and the practices and rituals associated with the organization’s religious belief or creed must not be illegal or contrary to clearly defined public policy.

*Solicitor.* Any person who engages in the door to door requesting or seeking to sell goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, printed materials, subscriptions, services of any kind, character, or nature.

*Temporary Vendor.* Any person engaging or intending to engage in business as a merchant in a temporary, stationary structure in the Village of Poplar Grove. Peddlers/Hawkers shall not be considered temporary vendors.

3. That Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 2-3-6 of the Code regarding Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors; is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-3-6. – Peddler/Hawker/Solicitor

- ~~(a)~~ No person shall go upon any residential property and ring the doorbell upon or near any door, or create any sound in any other manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, for the purpose of securing an audience with the occupant thereof and to engage in the business of solicitor, hawker or peddler, as defined by this Chapter, prior to 8:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- ~~(b)~~ Any occupant of a residence or commercial building may give notice of a desire to refuse solicitors by displaying a “No Solicitation” or “No Trespassing” or similar sign which shall be posted on or near the main entrance door or near the property line adjacent to the sidewalk leading to the residence or the commercial building. Such sign shall not exceed the size parameters specified in the Village’s land use ordinance regulating to signs. The display of such sign shall be deemed to constitute notice to any solicitor that the inhabitant of the residence or commercial building does not desire to receive and/or does not invite solicitors. It shall be the responsibility of the solicitor to check such residence or commercial building for the presence of any such notice. A violation of this provision shall be a violation of this section.

(c) Penalty. A violation of any provision of this section shall be an unlawful ordinance violation, with a minimum penalty of \$300.00. Each day that said violation is permitted to persist shall be a separate violation, punishable by fine. In the case of recurrent conduct on a single day, in the event a person is issued a citation for unlawful activity and, following the issuance of said citation, re-engages in the same or substantially similar unlawful conduct on that same day, each incident of conduct occurring after the issuance of the original citation shall be a separate offense, punishable by an individual fine.

4. Except as amended in this Ordinance, all other provisions and terms of the Village Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted except that those ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED UPON MOTION BY Davies

SECONDED BY Costanza

BY ROLL CALL VOTE THIS 20 DAY OF November, 2024

AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING "AYE": Costanza, Cheek, Davies, Moore Straw

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VOTING "NAY": \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSENT, ABSTAIN, OTHER Goings

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APPROVED November 20, 2024

ATTEST:

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CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT