



**O2014-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING**  
**SOLICITING, BEGGING, AND PANHANDLING**

**Soliciting, Begging, and Panhandling.**

*Purpose.* The purposes of the restrictions on soliciting, begging and panhandling imposed in this ordinance are to:


- (1) Reduce the detrimental effect that threatening and intimidating conduct has on a safe environment within the town;
- (2) Restrict certain aggressive acts of solicitors without prohibiting constitutionally protected activity; and
- (3) Maintain the peace and order of the town and preserve and protect the rights of all citizens to be free of intimidation.
- (4) To maintain safe, orderly and free flow of traffic along roadways within the Town's corporate limits.


*Definition.* Beg, solicit or panhandle includes, without limitation, use of the spoken, written, or printed word, or other acts as are conducted in the furtherance of the purpose of immediately collecting contributions for the use of oneself or others. As used in this ordinance, the word "solicit," and its forms, includes begging and panhandling.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit or loiter in any street or highway, including the shoulders or median strip for the purpose of soliciting, begging or panhandling.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit or loiter in any street or highway, including the shoulders or median strip, but excluding sidewalks, and to stop or attempt to stop any vehicle for the purpose of soliciting or accepting contributions from the occupants of any vehicle or for the purpose of distributing merchandise or services to the occupants of any vehicle.

*Penalty.* Punishment is a class 3 misdemeanor, with a \$500 fine.

*Adopted unanimously by Town Council on June 10, 2014.*

  
Attest: H. Lee Rollins  
Town Clerk

  
Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH  
Mayor