

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR SOLICITATION BY NON-PROFIT GROUPS AND/OR
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Pocahontas has determined that it is necessary to establish rules and regulations regarding the solicitation of funds by non-profit groups and/or charitable organizations, and

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF
POCAHONTAS:

SECTION I. No person shall stand in a public roadway or upon a public sidewalk for the purpose of soliciting a monetary contribution from any occupant of a motor vehicle, unless a permit has first been obtained from the police department. Said application shall include the name, address, phone number of the organization and location where the solicitation will be conducted as well as the name, address, phone number and position of the person submitting the application.

SECTION II: A permit shall be issued to solicit contributions in the public roadway or sidewalk to any charitable organization that is a valid 501 (c)(3) charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code and such proof of the valid 501 (c)(3) status shall be provided to the police department.

SECTION III: Permits issued shall only be issued for the days of Friday and Saturday, and for no hours other than those between the hours of 8:00 am and one hour before sunset. Permits shall be issued to no organization more than twice per calendar year.

SECTION IV: Any person who is soliciting contributions from a motor vehicle while in the roadway, under this chapter, must be sixteen (16) years of age or older and must wear a vest or shirt which identifies the organization. Any person(s) under the age of eighteen (18) shall be supervised by an adult. No solicitor shall impede traffic or make physical contact with any motor vehicle (such as beating on the window or door)

SECTION V: The organization obtaining a permit shall provide a sign at least 50 feet, but no more than 200 feet from the point of solicitation, which states the name of the organization which is soliciting contributions. The sign shall be on both sides of the street and placed so that it does not impede traffic.

SECTION VI: That any person violating this ordinance shall be fined up to \$150.00 for each violation.

SECTION VII: Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF October, 2008.

Gary Crocker
Mayor Gary Crocker

ATTEST:

Sheila Rose, MMC
Sheila Rose, City Clerk/Treasurer

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