

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AMENDING THE ITINERANT MERCHANTS, SALESMEN, PROMOTERS,  
PEDDLERS, AND BEGGARS ORDINANCE  
OF THE TOWN OF BUNN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bunn Code of Ordinances regulates the activities of itinerant merchants, salesmen, promoters, peddlers, and beggars; and

WHEREAS, the current Town of Bunn Code of Ordinances must be updated to better serve the community it governs; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town, as authorized by G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 8 (160A-174 et seq.) and under the authority granted to it to regulate solicitations and itinerant merchants (G.S. 160A-178), the Town of Bunn Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to amend its ordinances to allow solicitors to engage in the solicitation of wares and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Town of Bunn Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows to address solicitors within the Town of Bunn:

Section 1:

**Section 6-100. PURPOSE**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-101. DEFINITIONS**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-102. ITINERANT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS, TRANSIENT VENDORS PROHIBITED**

§ 6-102 is now amended in its entirety to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, entity, or corporation to go in or upon, or permit his representatives to go in or upon, and public property, private residence or premises in the town as a beggar, peddler, itinerant merchant, or transient/mobile vendor of merchandise, not having been requested or invited to do so by the occupants of such private residence or not doing so for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares, periodicals, or merchandise, for the purpose of distributing, disposing of, or peddling such goods, wares, periodicals, or merchandise, or in a public place or on property exposed to public view, to sell or offer to sell good, merchandise or services, except as provided herein.

**§ 6-103. EXCEPTIONS**

§ 6-103 is now amended in its entirety to read as follows:

It shall be lawful for a person, firm, corporation, or entity to

- 1) act as a 'solicitor', as defined in § 6-101, or
- 2) to engage in the sale of any goods as an itinerant merchant or peddler within the Town limits when the following requirements are met:

- (1) Locally grown, crafted, prepared, and/or produced goods are allowed by permit in commercial or business zoned districts;
- (2) Sidewalk sales or outdoor sales conducted, on the same premises, by merchants operating from a fixed business location in a building or structure;
- (3) Short-term fundraising activities of not-for-profit organizations;
- (4) Yard sales or garage sales conducted on the premises of the owner or resident, provided they are otherwise in compliance with town ordinances;
- (5) Flea markets, provided they are otherwise in compliance with town ordinances; and
- (6) Town sponsored festivals, fairs and events.

The activities allowed herein by solicitors, itinerant merchants, and peddlers shall be permitted only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. And shall not be permitted on Sundays or Holidays.

**§ 6-104. INVESTIGATION AND PERMIT**

§ 6-104 is now amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Any person, firm, corporation, or entity desiring to engage in solicitation or acting as a solicitor or desiring to engage in the sale of locally grown, crafted, prepared, and/or produced goods in a commercial or business zoned district must file with the Bunn Town Hall an application to do so. The application must include the following:

- (1) The name, current address, and place of residence of the applicant;
- (2) In the case of those engaged in the sale of locally grown, crafted, prepared, and/or produced goods in a commercial or business zoned district and not solicitors; the application must include a written and signed letter or rental agreement from the owner of the property stating that such itinerant merchant or peddler is allowed to sell goods and/or merchandise on said owner's property;
- (3) The address and nature of business of the employer or principal, if any;
- (4) Specific detail regarding the goods or other merchandise to be offered for sale, to include the North or South Carolina county of origin of the items;

- (5) Provide a valid North Carolina Sales and Use Tax Number;
- (6) Proposed location, times and duration of sales;
- (7) The period for which the application is sought, which shall not exceed 30 consecutive calendar days; provided that the permit may be renewed for thirty-day periods without limit, upon proper application therefor;
- (8) A record of any and all crimes of which the applicant has been convicted or has pleaded no contest in the ten years preceding the submittal of the application;
- (10) Consent to a background check;
- (11) The age, height, weight, and any other additional information which the town may reasonably require for identification, including a copy of the document(s) used by the applicant to verify personal identification (e.g., driver's license, passport, picture I.D.);
- (12) If an application is filed by an employer, there shall also be filed separate applications for each peddler/solicitor giving the information set forth above for each peddler/solicitor and signed and sworn to by each peddler/solicitor, and a separate permit shall be issued for each applicant.
- (13) The type of temporary structure, if any, that will be erected for the sale of such goods or merchandise.

The applicant shall also furnish at the time of the filing of the application a permit fee in the amount of \$50.

Town personnel or its designee shall promptly review the application submitted by the applicant. Within seven (7) days of the application being submitted, Town personnel shall render a decision regarding the application and either issue the permit or mail a notice of denial for reasons stated in this section. Notice of denial of the permit shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address contained in the application and shall state the reasons for the denial.

The Town shall deny the permit and identification card required by this section under the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant previously was refused a permit under the provisions of this section; provided, however, any applicant denied a permit under the provisions of this section may reapply if and when the reason for denial no longer exists;
- (2) The applicant made any false or misleading statement in the application; or
- (3) If there is a violation of any section of this ordinance.

#### **§ 6-105. PERMIT TO BE CARRIED ON PERSON**

§ 6-105 is now amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Each solicitor, peddler, itinerant merchant, or mobile vendor shall retain in his/her possession the permit and identification card issued by the Town at all times, when engaged in the business of peddling he/she must produce and show the identification card to any police officer or official of the town when demanded. No person issued a permit or an identification card shall alter, remove or obliterate any entry made thereon, nor deface such permit or identification card in any way. Each permit and identification card shall be personal and not assignable or transferable, nor shall any permit or identification card be used by any person other than the person to whom it was issued.

**§ 6-106. REVOCATION OF A PERMIT**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-107. DURATION; RENEWAL**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-108. APPEAL TO THE TOWN CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-109. SOLICITING ALMS/BEGGARS**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-110. STRUCTURES**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

**§ 6-111. PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

§ 6-111 is now amended in its entirety to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for a solicitor, peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of any kind to occupy the right-of-way for other than travel of any streets or alleys within the town limits, or to occupy any public space except for the stated purpose of the space and except as otherwise stated herein.

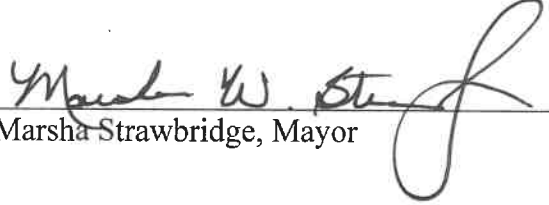
**§ 6-112. PENALTY**

This section shall remain in effect as currently written.

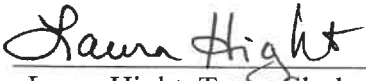
Section 2: That all ordinances and sections of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3: That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Marsha Strawbridge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Laura Hight, Town Clerk