



TOWN OF CHESHIRE MASSACHUSETTS



REGULATIONS OF PEDDLING AND SOLICITING APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 PURSUANT TO MGL CHAPTER 101 SECTION 3,

MGL CHAPTER 43B SECTION 13 AND ARTICLE 89 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH

This article, adopted pursuant to G.L. c. 43B, § 13 and Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, establishes registration requirements and specific operation requirements for persons intending to engage in canvassing or solicitation door-to-door in the Town of Cheshire in order to protect its citizens from disruption of the peaceful enjoyment of their residences, from the perpetration of fraud or other crimes; and to allow for reasonable access to residents in their homes by persons or organizations who wish to communicate either commercial or non-commercial messages.

- Every solicitor, door to door salesperson, hawker and peddler in the Town of Cheshire shall be bound these regulations except as they may be, in a particular instance in conflict with any provision of the General Laws of the Commonwealth or provision of the Constitution of the Commonwealth or United States.
- Every solicitor, door to door salesperson, hawker and peddler in the Town of Cheshire shall register with and obtain a permit from Chief of Police or appointed designee prior to engaging in any solicitation or sales activity
- Every registration application shall be on the forms approved by the Chief of Police or appointed designee and shall include the following information:
 - 1.) The name, permanent address and telephone number, if any, of the applicant
 - 2.) The name, permanent address and telephone number of the organization the applicant is representing
 - 3.) The applicants date of birth, height, weight, eye, hair color and social security or driver's license number.
 - 4.) Requested dates to conduct business, not to exceed sixty days.
 - 5.) A brief description of goods or services to be sold.
 - 6.) The make, model, color, year, registration number and state, including the information of the registered owner.
- Applications for permits shall be made not less than seven (7) calendar days in advance, except for reasonable cause, the determination of which shall be made at the discretion of the Chief of Police or appointed designee.
- Submitted applications must be accompanied by a \$25.00 non-refundable fee, this fee may be paid in cash or check. Check must be payable to the Town of Cheshire. The Chief of Police or appointed designee has the right to waive the fee for non-profit or youth fundraising permits at his/her discretion.
- Upon receipt of an application the Chief of Police or appointed designee shall review the application as necessary to ensure the protection of public health, safety and general welfare.
- If the applicant is found to be satisfactory the Chief of Police or appointed designee shall approve the application, issue the required permit and copy of the regulations.
- Upon review of the application by the Chief of Police or appointed designee the application may be refused and permit not issued for any of the following reasons:

1. The location or time of the solicitation endangers the safety and welfare of the solicitor, peddlers, customers, residents or visitors.
 2. The review or investigation reveals that the applicant falsified information on the application
 3. The applicant has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving sexual offenses, trafficking controlled substances or violent acts against a person or property within the five years preceding the application.
 4. The applicant is a person whom a judgement based upon, or conviction for, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation has been entered upon with the five years preceding the application.
- Solicitations shall be limited to the period between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.
 - No permit holder shall enter upon private property prohibited by the owner or person in control of the property either by sign or any other manner and shall leave private property immediately upon the request of the owner or person in control of the property.
 - Every permit holder representing an organization shall carry proper identification signifying relationship to the organization upon the outermost layer of clothing and shall display said identification, as well a valid permit issued by the Chief of Police or appointed designee upon request to the owner, person in control of the property, Police Officer or representative of the Town of Cheshire.