

What does it cost to apply for a license?

Permit and fee for transient merchant.

A transient merchant as defined by this chapter shall pay a base regulatory fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00), not to be prorated. Said regulatory fee shall expire on the earlier of midnight on the fourteenth consecutive day after the effective day of the transient merchant permit, or at midnight on December 31 of the year issued. After the fourteenth consecutive day from the effective date of the transient merchant permit for the calendar year in which the regulatory fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day or any portion thereof during which the transient merchant conducts business within the city. In the event that a higher regulatory fee is required of a transient merchant pursuant to another ordinance, statute or regulation, such higher regulatory fee shall apply. The maximum amount of regulatory fees to be paid by any transient merchant to the city in any calendar year pursuant to this section shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Bond requirement for transient merchant.

Before any license or permit shall be issued to a transient merchant pursuant to this chapter, the transient merchant shall file with the city clerk a bond binding the applicant to the city in the full sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), executed by the applicant as principal and by a surety approved by the city clerk, conditioned that the applicant shall fully comply with the ordinances of the city and the statutes of the state governing the conduct of such business and will pay all judgments rendered against the applicant for any violation of such ordinances or statutes and all judgments' that may be recovered against the applicant and by any person or persons for damages growing out of any misrepresentation, deception, or breach of warranty in the conduct of such business. It is further required that this bond be held, maintained, and in force for a period of not less than twelve-month period immediately following the last day of business in Waycross of the transient merchant.

License fee for transient peddler.

Before conducting any business regulated by this chapter, the applicant for a permit for a transient peddler as defined in this chapter shall pay the city a regulatory fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00), not to be prorated. Said regulatory fee shall expire on the earlier of midnight on the fourteenth consecutive day after the effective day thereof, or at midnight on December 31 of the year issued. After the fourteenth consecutive day from the effective date of the transient peddler permit, the transient peddler shall pay to the city an additional regulatory fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for each day the transient peddler conducts business in the city. In the event that a higher regulatory fee is required of a transient peddler pursuant to another ordinance, statute or regulation, such higher regulatory fee shall apply. The maximum amount of regulatory fees to be paid by any transient peddler in any one calendar year pursuant to this section to the city shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

License fee for local peddler.

Any local peddler as defined by this chapter shall be licensed in the same manner and in the same amount as is required of any other local merchant as provided by the various laws and ordinances of the City of Waycross.

TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS & SOLICITORS



This publication is for general information regarding the Transient Merchant/Peddler/Solicitor ordinance and the associated licenses/permits required. For complete details, refer to the City of Waycross' Code of Ordinances. In the case of an inconsistency or omission in this publication, the Code of Ordinances will prevail.

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How is a Solicitor different from a Peddler or Transient Merchant?

As a solicitor, you might go uninvited from house to house, place to place or street to street just as a peddler does. The difference is that you will be taking orders of merchandise for future delivery or orders for services to be performed in the future. The City of Waycross has two categories of solicitors:

Solicitor for charitable or religious purposes. Any person who solicits contributions from the public, either on the streets of the city or from door-to-door, for any charitable or religious organization, and who does not sell or offer to sell any single item with a cost to the purchaser in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00), shall be defined as a "solicitor for charitable or religious purposes." No qualification as a "charitable" or "religious" organization shall exist unless the applicant:

- (1) Is able to demonstrate a current exemption certificate from the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; or
- (2) Has maintained in Ware County a continuous existence as a charitable or religious organization for a period of three (3) years prior to the date of its application pursuant to this chapter.

Solicitor for subscriptions. Any person who solicits subscriptions by going from place to place within the city, and who offers for sale subscriptions to magazines or other materials protected by the provisions of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, shall be defined as a "solicitor for subscriptions."

What is a Peddler?

You are a peddler if you go uninvited from house to house, place to place or street to street to sell goods, wares or merchandise you are carrying with you. The City of Waycross has two categories of peddlers:

Transient peddler. A "transient peddler" is any person who is a nonresident of the city, who has no permanent, regular place of business within the city, and who engages in the business of selling or offering to sell goods or services by going from place to place within the city, except a person selling agricultural products and holding a letter from a county agent certifying that the products were produced by that person. Also excepted from this definition are those persons selling agricultural products at what is commonly referred to as the "farmers' market" normally held at Memorial Stadium.

Local peddler. A "local peddler" is any person who is a resident of the city, who has no regular fixed place of business within the city, and who engages in the business of selling or offering to sell goods or services by going from place to place within the city, except a person selling agricultural products and holding a letter from a county agent certifying that the products were produced by that person. Also excepted from this definition are those persons selling agricultural products at what is commonly referred to as the "farmers' market" normally held at Memorial Stadium.

What is a Transient Merchant?

You are a transient merchant if you are temporarily in Waycross to sell goods, wares or merchandise from a fixed location. That fixed location must be a structure that is approved for your specific use by the Department of Community Improvement & the Waycross Fire Department. The City of Waycross further defines a transient merchant as follows"

Transient merchant. A "transient merchant" is any person, firm, or corporation, whether resident or nonresident of Waycross, who has no permanent, regular place of business within the city and who engages in the business of selling or offering to sell goods or services from a temporary fixed place of business located within the city, such temporary places of business to include any room or space in a hotel or motel, boardinghouse, public or private building, or any other fixed place of business within the city; however, no merchant shall be considered a transient merchant under this article if:

- (1) Such merchant is a bona fide commercial traveler selling goods at wholesale by samples; or
- (2) Such merchant has already paid a license to the City of Waycross for the privilege of conducting permanent business; or
- (3) Such merchant is a peddler otherwise licensed by the city to sell goods from place to place;
- (4) Such merchant is a civic club, service club, or school who, from time to time, engages in the selling of merchandise to the public as a club or school project.