

**BOROUGH OF RIVERTON
ORDINANCE #10-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING
CHAPTER 96, TO THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH CONCERNING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Riverton (the "Borough") has existing provisions governing "Peddling and Soliciting" under Chapter 96 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to adopt this Ordinance in order to amend the Borough's existing policy concerning the issue of peddler's license which it believes will be in the best interests of the health safety and welfare of the Borough's residents and the public at large.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Riverton, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 96, Section 96-5 H. is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

H. A photograph of the Applicant taken within fifteen (15) days immediately prior to the date of the application, which photograph shall clearly show the head and shoulders of the Applicant and shall measure two-by-two (2x2) inches.

SECTION 2. Chapter 96. Section 96-6 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Chapter 96-6 Application Fee. An annual fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) shall be paid by the Applicant for a license upon making application to defray the cost of administration of this Chapter. A fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) shall be paid for each additional person affiliated with the initial registrant who will peddle, solicit or vend under the initial registrant's license. The Borough Council may, upon written application, waive the license and fee requirement imposed under this Chapter for local non-profit charitable organizations. In the event that the fee is not waived by the Borough Council for a local non-profit charitable organization, the fee for such entity shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25). Each waiver application shall be filed with the Borough Council no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement to the proposed peddling, solicitation or vending activity within the Borough. Said local non-profit charitable organization may not commence peddling, solicitation or vending until such time as said waiver application is approved, or in the alternative, if the waiver application is denied, until such time as the application fee has been paid and the Applicant approved for a license.

SECTION 3. Chapter 96, Section 96-7 of the Code of the Borough of Riverton is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Chapter 96 Peddling and Soliciting.

§ 96-7 Character investigation; issuance and display of license.

A. When the aforesaid application is properly filled out and signed by the applicant, the original and a duplicate thereof shall be filed with the Borough Clerk. The Clerk shall refer the original to the Chief of Police who shall make, or cause to be made, such investigation of the applicant's business responsibility and character as he deems necessary for protection of the public good.

(1) If, as a result of such an investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse on such application his disapproval and his reasons therefor and return the said application to the Borough Clerk, who shall notify the applicant that the application is disapproved and that no license shall be issued. Any determination by the Chief of Police that an application is unsatisfactory shall be based on one (1) or more of the following findings with respect to the applicant:

- (a) Prior conviction of a crime involving a crime of moral turpitude;
- (b) Prior violation of a peddling or soliciting ordinance.
- (c) Suspicion of fraudulent acts or conduct.
- (d) Record of breaches of solicited contracts.
- (e) Evidence of bad character.

(f) A history of actions that would constitute as a breach of the peace or any conduct that could be viewed as being contrary to the public health, safety or general welfare of the residents of the Borough.

(2) If, as a result of such investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse on the application his approval, execute a license addressed to the applicant to conduct the business applied for and return said license, with the application, to the Borough Clerk, who shall issue the license to the applicant. Such license shall contain the signature of the issuing officer and shall show the name, address and photograph of the licensee, the class of license issued, the kind of goods or services to be sold thereunder, the date of issue, the length of time the license shall be operative and the license number and other identifying description of any vehicle used in the peddling or soliciting activity licensed.

(B) The Borough Clerk shall issue to each licensee at the time of delivery of his license a receipt for the same which must be shown upon request.

SECTION 4. Chapter 96, Section 96-14 shall be amended to reflect that the annual application fee shall be amended to read \$100.

SECTION 5. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Amendment shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provisions so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective;

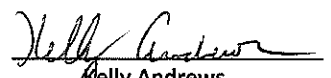
SECTION 6. If any ordinances or parts thereof are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance those provisions shall be repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance within applicable law.

INTRODUCTION						
Roll Call Vote						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Corbi		X	X			
Fullerton			X			
Rafter			X			
Reed			X			
Scott	X		X			
Wilburn			X			
Mayor Quinn (Tie)						
ADOPTION						
Roll Call Vote						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Corbi	x		X			
Fullerton		x	X			
Rafter			X			
Reed			X			
Scott						X
Wilburn						X
Mayor Quinn (Tie)						

CERTIFICATION

I, Kelly Andrews, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Riverton, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance which was introduced by the Council of the Borough of Riverton at its meeting of July 16th, 2024, with a second reading, public hearing, and final adoption to be held on August 20th, 2024.


 Kelly Andrews,
 Municipal Clerk