

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION LICENSURE

Note that the City of DeKalb does not require a license for *Non-Commercial Activity*, which is defined as follows:

Non-Commercial Activity: Activities that are not commercial in nature, such as activities that do not involve Sale of any Commercial Item, but rather which are solely consisting of:

- a) religious or political free speech without any corresponding financial or commercial activity;
- b) solicitation of gratuitous donations for non-commercial entities or undertakings such as charities, political organizations, churches or similar matters without the provision of any non-gratuitous consideration, product or service; or
- c) other similar activities not involving commerce or trade or the Sale of any Commercial Item. If there is any element of Commercial Activity, a given activity shall not qualify as Non-Commercial Activity (e.g., the solicitation of payments in exchange for a Commercial Item shall be deemed Commercial Activity).

However, such activities are subject to the following:

- 1. Such activities may only be conducted during daylight hours.
- 2. Such activities may only be conducted by persons of sound mind, over the age of 18 years of age.
- 3. Any person engaging in the activities must wear an American National Standards Institute-approved yellow, reflective vest.
- 4. No person may stand in a roadway or engage in such activities in a way that hinders, impedes or slows the flow of traffic.
- 5. No person engaged in such activities may approach any vehicle that is moving.
- 6. No person engaged in such activities may stand in a lane of traffic at a stoplight, when the stoplight is illuminated green for the lane of traffic in question.
- 7. No person engaged in such activities may place any temporary or permanent obstacle, improvement, sign, or other device in the roadway or right of way adjacent thereto.
- 8. No person engaged in such activities shall make non-consensual physical contact with any person or vehicle.
- 9. Any person engaging in such activities shall provide the City with a description of the nature, duration, and location of said activities before engaging in said activities by emailing the City Manager's Office at ruth.scott@cityofdekalb.com.

A violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

Reference [Chapter 33](#) of the City of DeKalb Municipal Code for additional information.