

DIRECT SELLERS RULES AND REGULATIONS

SEC. 7-4-8 REGULATION OF DIRECT SELLERS.

(a) Prohibited Practices.

- (1) A direct seller shall be prohibited from: calling at any dwelling or other place between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. except by appointment; calling at any dwelling or other place where a sign is displayed bearing the words "No Peddlers," "No Solicitors" or words of similar meaning; calling at the rear door of any dwelling place; or remaining on any premises after being asked to leave by the owner, occupant or other person having authority over such premises.
- (2) A direct seller shall not misrepresent or make false, deceptive or misleading statements concerning the quality, quantity or character of any goods offered for sale, the purpose of his visit, his identity or the identity of the organization he represents. A charitable organization direct seller shall specifically disclose what portion of the sale price of goods being offered will actually be used for the charitable purpose for which the organization is soliciting. Said portion shall be expressed as a percentage of the sale price of the goods.
- (3) No direct seller or solicitor shall impede the free use of sidewalks and streets by pedestrians and vehicles. Where sales or solicitations are made from vehicles, all traffic and parking regulations shall be observed. No direct seller or solicitor shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon in excess of fifteen (15) minutes, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where such operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. Any move from a stationary location shall be to a place not less than one hundred (100) feet from such location, and the seller or solicitor shall not return to within one hundred (100) feet of any previously occupied location within four (4) hours of having moved from said location. For the purpose of this Section, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and public impeded or inconvenienced.
- (4) No direct seller shall make any loud noises or use any sound amplifying device to attract customers if the noise produced is capable of being plainly heard outside a one hundred (100) foot radius of the source.
- (5) No direct seller shall allow rubbish or litter to accumulate in or around the area in which he is conducting business.

(b) Disclosure Requirements.

- (1) After the initial greeting and before any other statement is made to a prospective customer, a direct seller shall expressly disclose his name, the name of the company or organization he is affiliated with, if any, and the identity of goods or services he offers to sell.

- (2) If any sale of goods is made by a direct seller or any sales order for the later delivery of goods is taken by the seller, the buyer shall have the right to cancel said transaction if it involves the extension of credit or is a cash transaction of more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), in accordance with the procedure as set forth in Sec. 423.203, Wis. Stats.; the seller shall give the buyer two (2) copies of a typed or printed notice of that fact. Such notice shall conform to the requirements of Sections 423.203(1)(a)(b) and (c), (2) and (3), Wis. Stats.
- (3) If the direct seller takes a sales order for the later delivery of goods, he shall, at the time the order is taken, provide the buyer with a written statement containing the terms of the agreement, the amount paid in advance, whether full, partial or no advance payment is made, the name, address and telephone number of the seller, the delivery or performance date and whether a guarantee or warranty is provided and, if so, the terms thereof.

SEC. 7-4-10 REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION.

- (a) Registration may be revoked by the City Clerk after notice and hearing if the registrant made any material omission or materially inaccurate statement in the application for registration, made any fraudulent, false, deceptive or misleading statement or representation in the course of engaging in direct sales, violated any provision of this Chapter or was convicted of any crime or ordinance or statutory violation which is directly related to the registrant's fitness to engage in direct selling.
- (b) Written notice of the hearing shall be served personally on the registrant at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for the hearing; such notice contain the time and place of hearing and a statement of the acts upon which the hearing will be based.