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Editor's Note. This article derives from generally accepted municipal practices.

ARTICLE I. SOLICITING

15.101. TYPES PROHIBITED.

Unless approved by the Council, it shall be unlawful:

1. For the operator, owner or manager of any rooming, boarding or lodging house, restaurant, cafe, tea room, lunch room or storage garage, hereafter called establishment, to employ or use any person or persons to solicit patrons therefore, by going upon the streets and accosting pedestrians or occupants of vehicles, either verbally or by means of signs or any other device whatsoever, and
2. For any person acting as agent of any said establishment to accost pedestrians or occupants of motor vehicles upon the streets, either verbally, by means of signs or

any other device whatsoever, to solicit such persons to become occupants or patrons thereof.

15.102. USE OF STREETS FOR SALES AND DISTRIBUTION PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to sell, solicit sales or offer for distribution any merchandise, publication, handbill or pamphlet while such person is standing in the street, areas reserved for parking spaces, the areas reserved for loading and/or unloading or to enter any of said areas for the purpose of sale and/or delivery of any said items.

15.103. APPEALS.

Appeals shall be made to the Council.

ARTICLE II. POSTINGS, SIGNS, BANNERS, ETC.

Editor's Note. This article derives from generally accepted municipal practices.

15.201. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. POLITICAL SIGNS, ETC.

- a. It shall be unlawful to place any advertisement, notice or sign of any nature on public property within the corporate limits, without prior approval of the Council, or on any private property without prior approval of the owner thereof.
- b. The above shall include a banner, canvas, placard, picture, paper, circular, printed matter or any other similar means or device whatsoever.
- c. It shall be unlawful to post political signs of any nature on public property including, but not limited to, power poles, telephone poles, street signs, etc.

15.202. HANDBILLS AND PLACARDS. PLACEMENT. APPLICATION.

- a. Except as otherwise authorized, no handbill or placard shall be distributed within the corporate limits, unless it is deposited in a secure place where the wind will not blow it away.
- b. The placing of a handbill or placard under a windshield wiper of a motor vehicle shall not be construed as a deposit of same in a secure place. Delivery to person(s) in a vehicle shall be permitted.
- c. Application for permit to distribute advertising matter shall be made to the Town Clerk.

15.203. MUNICIPAL OR STATE SIGNS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to remove, tear down, deface or destroy any sign erected by municipal or state authorities.

ARTICLE III. ADVERTISING NOISES

Editor's Note. This article derives from generally accepted municipal practices. (See §14.510, this code, for unreasonable noises.)

15.301. LOUDSPEAKERS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain and operate in any building or on any premises any radio device or mechanical musical instrument or device of any kind whereby the sound therefrom is cast directly upon the public streets and places in a manner as to create unreasonably loud, excessive and disturbing noise.
- b. This shall include any device which is or may be maintained and operated for advertising purposes or for the purpose of attracting the attention of the passing public.
- c. Also, any device so placed and operated that the sounds coming therefrom can be heard to the annoyance or inconvenience of travelers upon any street or public place or of persons in neighboring premises.
- d. A permit therefore shall be obtained from the Council.

15.302. NOISE MAKING FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to make any noise upon a public street or in proximity thereto as to be distinctly and loudly audible upon the street by any kind.
- b. This shall include, but not be limited to, crying, calling or shouting, or any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, horn, hammer, drum, musical instrument or other device for any purpose of attracting attention or of inviting patronage of any persons to any business whatsoever.

15.303. SAME. CHURCH BELLS EXCEPTED.

This article shall not apply to the ringing of church bells by established places of worship.

ARTICLE IV. PENALTIES

15.401. PENALTY.

Any violation of this chapter shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by the Municipal Court. (1976 SC Code §5-7-30, §14-25-65)