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**Permit to Canvass Application**

Primary applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List all residences in entirety for the last 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List all arrests, and convictions. Include violation, court, date, city & state, adjudication or outcome.

Use additional sheets if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of firm representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of firm representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm website and/or email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe product or subject of canvass: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Start date and length of time permit is requested: \_\_\_\_\_

List all people (name, address, date of birth) soliciting under this permit: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Use additional sheets if necessary:

*This form is only acknowledgement that the people listed have notified the Borough of North Plainfield that they will be soliciting for the dates and times listed. Borough of North Plainfield acknowledgement is not an endorsement.*

Acknowledged by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

**\*The courts have ruled that the police cannot require fingerprinting and that solicitation is permissible between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm.**

**\*As per the NJ state Police all fingerprinting must be done at a Sagem Morpho Inc.**

**\*As per borough ordinance, not for profit organizations servicing North Plainfield borough youth need not apply. \***

## § 4-6 **CANVASSERS.**

### § 4-6.1 **License Required.**

[Ord. No. 382, § 4.23; Ord. No. 2017-05]

No person, except as in this Section provided, shall canvass, solicit or call from house to house in the Borough to sell goods or services by sample or taking orders for future delivery of goods or services with or without accepting advance payments for the goods or services, without first having reported to and received a written permit from the Chief of Police, or the officer in charge at Police Headquarters.

### § 4-6.2 **Application.**

[Ord. No. 382, § 4.24; Ord. No. 2017-05]

Any person desiring a permit to canvass or solicit in the Borough shall fill out an application blank with the Chief of Police, or in his absence, the officer in charge at Police Headquarters, stating the name of the applicant, permanent home address, name and address of firm represented, place or places of residence of the applicant for the preceding three years, the length of time for which the permit is desired, nature of the merchandise or services to be provided canvassed or solicited, the number of either arrests or convictions for misdemeanors or crimes, and the nature of the offenses for which arrested or convicted, which application shall be accompanied by a letter from the individual, partnership or corporation for which he purports to work, authorizing the applicant to act as his representative.

### § 4-6.3 **Fee, Duration and Display.**

[Ord. No. 382, § 4.25; Ord. No. 677, § 1; Ord. No. 2017-05; Ord. No. 2018-07]

After due investigation, in accordance with the procedures and requirements of the North Plainfield Police Department, upon being satisfied that the applicant is of good moral character and that he is canvassing or soliciting for a project free from fraud, the Chief of Police, or in his absence, the officer in charge at Police Headquarters, shall have the power to grant a permit to canvass or solicit, upon the payment of the sum of \$10 by the applicant, which permit shall specify the number of hours or days the permit will be effective, provided however, that the permit will not be effective for a period in excess of 60 days, and further provided that no canvassing or soliciting shall be done except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Unless fingerprinted within the previous year, each applicant shall be

fingerprinted and photographed before a permit shall be issued and copy of the photograph attached to the permit. Upon approval, each solicitor shall make a payment of a sum set by resolution for a permit either valid for no longer than 60 calendar days or for a permit which is valid no longer than one calendar year. The permittee shall carry the permit and exhibit same to any police officer or other person upon request.

#### § 4-6.4 **Revocation.**

[Ord. #382, S 4.26]

Any permit granted as herein provided, may in the discretion of the Chief of Police, or in his absence the officer in charge at Police Headquarters, be revoked as the result of further investigation in regard to the character of the applicant or for the failure or refusal on the part of the permittee to observe the provisions of this Section or any of the rules or regulations that may be hereinafter enacted governing the granting of permits.

#### § 4-6.5 **Expiration.**

[Ord. #382, S 4.27]

On the expiration of the permit, the holder thereof shall surrender same to the officer in charge at Police Headquarters or may apply for the renewal of same.

#### § 4-6.6 **Persons Not Affected.**

[Ord. No. 382, § 4.28; Ord. No. 2017-05]

This Section shall not affect any person engaged in the providing of a service or in the delivery of goods, wares, merchandise or other articles or things in the regular course of business, to the premises of persons ordering or entitled to receive same. Nor shall it affect any established local business or local resident representing the same or any veteran exempt by any statute of the State of New Jersey from the provisions of this Section. The Police Chief, in conjunction and consultation with the Mayor, Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney is empowered to enact rules and regulations for carrying this Section into effect.