



SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

OR-19-006

March 5, 2019

Current Ordinance

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- ❑ Addresses solicitation from the public right-of-way.
- ❑ Allows solicitation from the first Monday through the following Sunday in the months of May, July, September and December.
- ❑ Permit required.
- ❑ Solicitation in the roadway is not allowed.

Allowed Intersections

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- CTE/195
- WS Young/VMB
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- Trimmier/CTE
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Schlueter/CTE
- VMB/195
- 10th/Rancier

Texas Transportation Code

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- ❑ 552.007: A person may not stand in a roadway to solicit a ride, contribution, etc. from an occupant of a vehicle, except a person may stand in the roadway to solicit a charitable contribution if the local authority authorizes it.
- ❑ 552.0071: the city SHALL authorize a group to solicit if the solicitors are city employees/agents and they comply with other requirements, including filing an application and providing liability insurance.

Proposed Ordinance Changes

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- ❑ Clarifies that the City does not intend to infringe on First Amendment activities.
- ❑ Explicitly prohibits soliciting from the roadway, except as allowed by state law for employee groups.
- ❑ Regulations for other charitable groups remain the same.
- ❑ Various clean up provisions.

Alternatives

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- The options are to:
 - ▣ Amend the solicitation ordinance as presented.
 - ▣ Make other or additional amendments.
 - ▣ Leave the ordinance as is.

Recommended Action

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- Staff recommends the City Council approve amendments to the solicitation ordinance in Chapter 20