

BILL NO. 25-156

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, ARTICLE II. – IDENTIFICATION CARD, SECTION 20-29 INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANTS AND SECTION 29-31 ISSUANCE; GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Lee's Summit to have laws designed to ensure the public health and safety as affected by peddlers and solicitors; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit regulates the application requirements and qualifications of peddlers and solicitors within the City of Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit desires to amend Chapter 20, Peddlers and Solicitors, Article II. – Identification Card, Section 20-29 and 20-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit to add requirements for a fingerprint-based background check of peddler and solicitor applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 20, Peddlers and Solicitors, Article II, Section 20-29. Investigation of applicants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-29. Investigation of applicants.

During the period of time following the application for issuance of a peddler's or solicitor's identification card and its issuance, the Chief of Police shall make diligent investigation, as to him seems necessary, to determine that the applicant is entitled to the identification card as stated in this article. The investigation shall include a background check of the applicant's criminal history using the applicant's fingerprints. If the Chief of Police has not completed his investigation within the working days that are provided in Section 20-31, he will advise the applicant of the reason for delay.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 20, Peddler and Solicitors, Article II, Section 20-31 Issuance; grounds for denial of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri shall be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 20-31. Issuance; grounds for denial.

Five (5) working days after the finalized application and criminal background check are received, the requested peddler's or solicitor's identification card shall be issued, unless:

- A. The application is incomplete;
- B. The required fee, if any, has not been paid;
- C. The applicant or an individual for whom a card is requested has been convicted of one or more of the following felonies within the past five (5) years:
 - 1. Theft;
 - 2. A crime against property;
 - 3. A crime against person; or
 - 4. Any conviction resulting from a charge related to peddling or soliciting;
- D. Any statement upon the application is false, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the falsehood was the result of excusable neglect;
- E. The applicant or the particular individual for whom an identification card is requested has had a previous identification card revoked;
- F. The applicant or a particular individual for whom an identification card is requested has made any false statement regarding the peddling of merchandise or the solicitation of persons under a similar ordinance or code provision of any other municipality.

SECTION 3. That it is the intention of the City Council, and is it hereby ordained, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That should any section, sentence or clause of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, or clauses.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Mayor *William A. Baird*

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

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APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*