



Cascade Township Solicitation Information

Solicitors are anyone who travels from location to location in an attempt to take orders, collect funds for services, or collect monies, pledges, or donations. Cascade categorizes solicitation into three designations with distinct rules: Commercial/Business, Nonprofit, and Religious/Political/K-12.

| Solicitation Rules by Designation | | | |
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| | Commercial/Business | Nonprofit | Religious/Political/K-12 |
| Application with Township | Yes | Yes | No |
| Physical Gov't Issued Photo ID to Copy at Time of Application | Yes | Yes | No |
| 10-Day Lead Time | Yes | Yes | No |
| Background Check Required | Yes | No | No |
| Pay Permit Fee | Yes | No | No |
| Current Permit from the Dept. of Attorney General | No | Yes | No |
| Permit Visible | Yes | No | No |
| "No Solicitation" Clause | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Specified Solicitation Times | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Application with Township

Commercial/Business and Nonprofit organizations are required to fill out a permit application and submit a copy of their government-issued photo ID, in person, to register their solicitation activities with Cascade Township. Commercial/Business organizations will then be issued a permit; Nonprofit, Religious, and Political organizations do not receive a permit. Organizations can only be registered and receive permits during normal Township business hours. (M-Th: 7am-4pm, F 8am-12pm)

Political speech, canvassing, and enrolled K-12 students do not require any registration, permits, or permit fees.

10-Day Lead Time

Commercial/Business and Nonprofit organizations must fully complete the application and file it with the Township a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of solicitation commencement.



Background Check Required

A comprehensive background check will be performed by the Township for each individual solicitor with Commercial/Business organizations. The fee for this will be determined at time of application, and the solicitor must also pay the fee before the background check is conducted.

Pay Permit Fee

- \$25 30-Day Permit Fee
- Cost of a Comprehensive Background Check

Nonprofit, Religious, Political, and K-12 organizations do not receive a permit and therefore do not need to pay any permit fees.

Current Permit from the Department of the Attorney General

Nonprofit organizations must provide evidence that their organization is a state or federally registered or recognized charity or nonprofit before they engage in solicitation within the Township. These persons must provide the Township with a copy of a current permit issued by the Department of Attorney General pursuant to the Michigan Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act, MCL 400.271, et seq., as amended.

Permit Visible

Commercial/Business solicitors must wear their Township provided solicitation permit in a clearly displayed manner, at all times, while soliciting, and show it upon the request of any person.

“No Solicitation” Clause

No person engaged in any solicitation shall visit any dwelling or residence without an appointment where a sign is displayed stating “No peddlers,” “No solicitors,” “No sales,” “No trespassing” or words of similar meaning.

Specified Solicitation Times

Solicitation is only allowed in Cascade Township during the following hours:

- April 1 to September 30: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- October 1 to March 31: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Denial Information

A permit may be denied if: every requirement of the ordinance is not met, safety of Township residents is in question, the applicant or their employer/organization have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving solicitation, theft, or fraud, assault, or another unlawful offense, or the applicant/their organization are indebted to the township. Any appeal of the denial must be in writing, signed by the applicant and filed with the township within 10 days of the date of the denial. Appeals are decided by the Township Board.