

VILLAGE OF MAURICE

ORDINANCE 14-11

AN ORDINANCE OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ITINERANT AND DOOR-TO-DOOR VENDORS

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor of the Village of Maurice and the Board of Aldermen for the Village of Maurice, acting as the governing authority of said Village, who seek to enact the following:

This Ordinance shall outline requirements for itinerant and door-to-door vendors:

(a) *Definitions.* "Itinerant Vendor" and/or "Itinerant Vendors" as used in this Ordinance means and includes and shall be construed to mean and include all persons, firms and corporations, as well as their agents and employees, who engage in the temporary or transient business in this Village of selling or offering for sale, any goods or merchandise, or exhibiting the same for sale, or exhibiting the same for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof; and who for the purpose of carrying on such business or conducting such exhibits thereof either hire, rent, lease, occupy or receive by donation, any room or space in any buildings, structure, or other enclosure, or on any lot in the Village in, through, or from which any goods or merchandise may be sold, offered for sale, exhibited for sale or exhibited for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof.

"Door-to-Door Vendor" and/or "Door-to-Door Vendors" as used in this Ordinance means and includes and shall be construed to mean and include all persons, firms and corporations, as well as their agents and employees, who engage in the temporary or transient business in the Village of selling, or offering for sale, any goods or merchandise, or exhibiting the same for sale, or exhibiting the same for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof; and who for the purpose of carrying on such business or conducting such exhibits thereof do not hire, rent, lease, occupy or receive by donation, any room or space in any buildings, structure, or other enclosure, or on any lot in the Village in, through, or from which any goods or merchandise may be sold, offered for sale, exhibited for sale or exhibited for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof.

(b) *Permit required.* It shall be unlawful for any itinerant vendor or any door-to-door vendor to sell, offer for sale, exhibit for sale or exhibit for the purpose of taking orders for the sale of any goods or merchandise within the city not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant of a residence, without first obtaining a permit from city hall issued by the mayor and city clerk.

(c) *Conditions for issuance of permit for itinerant vendor.* The permit for the itinerant vendor required by this section shall be issued upon receipt of the following information which shall be required upon the application of the permit:

1. The full name and address of the itinerant vendor.
2. The location of his principal office and place of business.
3. The location within the city from which the itinerant vendor shall sell, exhibit for sale, offer for sale or exhibit for the purpose of taking orders for the sale of his goods or merchandise.
4. The name and address of each assistant, associate or employee who shall work for and under the itinerant vendor.

(d) *Conditions for issuance of permit for door-to-door vendor.* The permit for the door-to-door vendor required by this section shall be issued upon receipt of the application for a permit of a door-to-door vendor which must be accompanied by:

1. A statement showing the kind and character of the goods or merchandise to be sold, offered for sale or exhibited.
2. A certified copy of the charter if the door-to-door vendor is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state.
3. A certified copy of his permit to do business in the state if the door-to-door vendor is a corporation incorporated under the laws of some state other than this state.
4. Vehicles used by such vendor shall have the company name, telephone number and website permanently displayed on each side of the vehicle.
5. Each vendor must have a company issued photo identification card either affixed to his/her clothing or carried by a neck lanyard. This identification card shall be clearly legible and in plain view.

(e) *Farm products, seafood.* For vendors of farm products, poultry, stock or agricultural products in their natural state produced by the vendor or fresh seafood caught by the vendor, proof of such natural state and production or such catch shall be made to the mayor and city clerk.

(f) *Sale of farm produce on streets or public places.* This section shall not be construed to forbid farmers or their employees from selling or peddling farm produce raised by them or on their farms on the streets, avenues, alleys, and public places located within the city in violation of R.S. 33:4833. However, the farmer shall first obtain a permit from the mayor and city clerk and furthermore shall not park any vehicle for a period of longer than 30 minutes on any street, avenue, alley or public place.

(g) *Permitted Hours.* Such activity shall be permitted only between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM CDT/DST. No such activity shall be permitted on Sunday, and the activity shall be permitted only during Monday through Saturday.

(h) *Exceptions.* This section is not and shall not be applicable to the selling or offering for sale any goods or merchandise or exhibiting the goods or merchandise for sale or exhibiting the goods or merchandise for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof in the following instances:

1. If the proceeds thereof are applied to any charitable or philanthropic purpose.
2. At any crafts and arts fairs or festivals sponsored by a state non-profit organization.
3. At any event commonly known as a garage sale.

(i) *Violation, penalty.* Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both for each violation. Each sale, exhibition for purpose of sale or exhibition for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof shall be a separate offense.

And this ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS: Alderman Darin Desormeaux, Alderwoman Phyllis Johnson, Alderman Gary Villien**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT OR PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: None**

The above Ordinance was declared adopted on this 19th day of November,  
2014, at Maurice, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

**THE VILLAGE OF MAURICE**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WAYNE THERIOT, Mayor**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MELANIE DENAIS, Clerk**

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Melanie Denais, Municipal Clerk of the Village of Maurice, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Maurice duly assembled in Maurice, Louisiana, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

Signed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, at Maurice, Vermilion Parish.

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MELANIE DENAIS, MUNICIPAL CLERK