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BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.¹

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9-102. Yard sales. (1) Yard sales at one (1) address shall not run more than three (3) consecutive days within a fourteen (14) day period.
   (2) Exceptions are granted for rain days and during Oktoberfest.
   (3) Offenders may be fined fifty dollars ($50.00) per day. (Ord. #608, Oct. 2006)

¹Municipal code references
Building, plumbing, wiring and residential regulations: title 12.
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9-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any peddler, canvasser or solicitor, or transient merchant to ply his trade within the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. No permit shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued. (1982 Code, § 5-201)

9-202. Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not be applicable to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to bona fide charitable, religious, patriotic or philanthropic organizations. (1982 Code, § 5-202)

9-203. Application for permit. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the city recorder a sworn written application containing the following:
   (1) Name and physical description of applicant.
   (2) Complete permanent home address and local address of the applicant and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.
   (3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.

¹Municipal code references
Privilege taxes: title 5.
(4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials therefrom establishing the exact relationship.

(5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.

(6) A recent clear photograph approximately two (2) inches square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant.

(7) The names of at least two (2) reputable local property owners who will certify as to the applicant's good moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to evaluate properly the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility.

(8) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or for violating any municipal ordinance; the nature of the offense; and, the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.

(9) The last three (3) cities or towns, if that many, where applicant conducted business immediately preceding the date of application and, in the case of transient merchants, the addresses from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.

(10) At the time of filing the application, a fee of two hundred dollars ($200.00) shall be paid to the city to help defray the cost of investigating the facts stated therein. This is in addition to and does not include payment of privilege taxes required by other provisions of law. (1982 Code, § 5-203, as amended by Ord. #531, May 1999)

9-204. Issuance or refusal of permit. (1) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the city recorder within seventy-two (72) hours.

(2) If as a result of such investigation the chief reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory the city recorder shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued.

(3) If, on the other hand, the chief's report indicates that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the applicant are satisfactory the city recorder shall issue a permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-206. The city recorder shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued. (1982 Code, § 5-204)

9-205. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police and/or the city recorder in the denial of a permit shall have the right to appeal to the city council. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the mayor within fourteen (14) days after notice of the action complained of, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. The mayor shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be given to the appellant. The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at his last known address at least
five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing. (1982 Code, § 5-205)

9-206. **Bond.** Every permittee shall file with the city recorder a surety bond running to the municipality in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned that the permittee shall comply fully with all the provisions of the ordinances of this municipality and the statutes of the state regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, or itinerant vendors, as the case may be, and shall guarantee to any citizen of the municipality that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the permittee, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the municipality doing business with said permittee that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the permittee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved and for whose benefit, among others, the bond is given, but the surety may, by paying, pursuant to order of the court, the face amount of the bond to the clerk of the court in which the suit is commenced, be relieved without costs of all further liability. (1982 Code, § 5-206)

9-207. **Loud noises and speaking devices.** No permittee, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the municipality or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such permittee proposes to sell. (1982 Code, § 5-207)

9-208. **Use of streets.** No permittee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where the operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of the streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced. (1982 Code, § 5-208)

9-209. **Exhibition of permit.** Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen. (1982 Code, § 5-209)

9-210. **Policemen to enforce.** It shall be the duty of all policemen to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced. (1982 Code, § 5-210)
9-211. Revocation or suspension of permit. (1) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the city council after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:
   
   (a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or incorrect statement contained in the application for permit, or made in the course of carrying on the business of solicitor, canvasser, peddler, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor.
   
   (b) Any violation of this chapter.
   
   (c) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.
   
   (d) Conducting the business of peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor, as the case may be, in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
   
   (2) Notice of the hearing for revocation of a permit shall be given by the city recorder in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permittee at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing.
   
   (3) When reasonably necessary in the public interest the mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing. (1982 Code, § 5-211)

9-212. Reapplication. No permittee whose permit has been revoked shall make further application until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation. (1982 Code, § 5-212)

9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit. Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the same date that the permittee's privilege license expires and shall be renewed without cost if the permittee applies for and obtains a new privilege license within thirty (30) days thereafter. Permits issued to permittees who are not subject to a privilege tax shall be issued for one (1) year. An application for a renewal shall be made substantially in the same form as an original application. However, only so much of the application shall be completed as is necessary to reflect conditions which have changed since the last application was filed. (1982 Code, § 5-213)
CHAPTER 3
CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

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9-301. Permit required. No person shall solicit contributions or anything else of value for any real or alleged charitable or religious purpose without a permit from the city recorder authorizing such solicitation. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any locally established organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes if the solicitations are conducted exclusively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without remuneration for making such solicitations, or if the solicitations are in the form of collections or contributions at the regular assemblies of any such established organization or church. (1982 Code, § 5-301)

9-302. Prerequisites for a permit. The recorder shall, upon application, issue a permit authorizing charitable or religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, he finds the following facts to exist:
   (1) The applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity, or if the applicant is not an individual person, that every member, managing officer or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.
   (2) The control and supervision of the solicitation will be under responsible and reliable persons.
   (3) The applicant has not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise.
   (4) The solicitation will not be a fraud on the public but will be for a bona fide charitable or religious purpose.
   (5) The solicitation is prompted solely by a desire to finance the charitable cause described by the applicant. (1982 Code, § 5-302)

9-303. Denial of a permit. Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the city council if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor. (1982 Code, § 5-303)

9-304. Exhibition of permit. Any solicitor required by this chapter to have a permit shall exhibit such permit at the request of any policeman or person solicited. (1982 Code, § 5-304)
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TAXICABS¹

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9-401. **Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the taxicab business unless he has first obtained a taxicab franchise from the municipality and has a currently effective privilege license. (1982 Code, § 5-401)

9-402. **Requirements as to application and hearing.** No person shall be eligible to apply for a taxicab franchise if he has a bad character or has been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years. Applications for taxicab franchises shall be made under oath and in writing to the chief of police. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the proposed place of business, the number of cabs the applicant desires to operate, the makes and models of said cabs, and such other pertinent information as the chief of police may require. The application shall be accompanied by at least two (2) affidavits of reputable local citizens attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an application the chief of police shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant; determine if there is a public need for additional taxicab service; present the application to the city council; and make a recommendation

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¹Municipal code reference

Privilege taxes: title 5.
to either grant or refuse a franchise to the applicant. The city council shall thereupon hold a public hearing at which time witnesses for and against the granting of the franchise shall be heard. In deciding whether or not to grant the franchise the city council shall consider the public need for additional service, the increased traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such an additional franchise. Those persons already operating taxicabs when this code is adopted shall not be required to make applications under this section but shall be required to comply with all of the other provisions hereof. (1982 Code, § 5-402)

9-403. Liability insurance or bond required. No taxicab franchise shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy or bond for each vehicle authorized in an amount equal to that required by the state's financial responsibility law as set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 12. The insurance policy or bond required by this section shall contain a provision that it shall not be cancelled except after at least twenty (20) days' written notice is given by the insuror to both the insured and the recorder of the municipality. (1982 Code, § 5-403)

9-404. Revocation or suspension of franchise. The city council, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab franchise for misrepresentations or false statements made in the application therefor or for traffic violations or violations of this chapter by the taxicab owner or any driver. (1982 Code, § 5-404)

9-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any taxicab in the city unless such taxicab is equipped with four (4) wheel brakes, front and rear lights, safe tires, horn, muffler, windshield wipers, and rear vision mirror, all of which shall conform to the requirements of the state motor vehicle law. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a handle or latch or other opening device attached to each door of the passenger compartment so that such doors may be operated by the passenger from the inside of the taxicab without the intervention or assistance of the driver. The motor and all mechanical parts shall be kept in such condition or repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and the continuous satisfactory operation of the taxicab. (1982 Code, § 5-405)

9-406. Cleanliness of vehicles. All taxicabs operated in the municipality shall, at all times, be kept in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. They shall be thoroughly swept and dusted at least once each day. At least once every week they shall be thoroughly washed and the interior cleaned with a suitable antiseptic solution. (1982 Code, § 5-406)
9-407. **Inspection of vehicles.** All taxicabs shall be inspected at least semiannually by the chief of police to insure that they comply with the requirements of this chapter with respect to mechanical condition, cleanliness, etc.  (1982 Code, § 5-407)

9-408. **License and permit required for drivers.** No person shall drive a taxicab unless he is in possession of a state special chauffeur's license and a taxicab driver's permit issued by the chief of police.  (1982 Code, § 5-408)

9-409. **Qualifications for driver's permit.** No person shall be issued a taxicab driver's permit unless he complies with the following to the satisfaction of the chief of police:

1. Makes written application to the chief of police.
2. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age and holds a state special chauffeur's license.
3. Undergoes an examination by a physician and is found to be of sound physique, with good eyesight and hearing and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle.
4. Is clean in dress and person and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
5. Produces affidavits of good character from two (2) reputable citizens of the municipality who have known him personally and have observed his conduct for at least two (2) years next preceding the date of his application.
6. Has not been convicted of a felony, drunk driving, driving under the influence of an intoxicant or drug, or of frequent minor traffic offenses.
7. Is familiar with the state and local traffic laws.  (1982 Code, § 5-409)

9-410. **Revocation or suspension of driver's permit.** The city council, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab driver's permit for violation of traffic regulations, for violation of this chapter, or when the driver ceases to possess the qualifications as prescribed in § 9-409.  (1982 Code, § 5-410)

9-411. **Drivers not to solicit business.** All taxicab drivers are expressly prohibited from indiscriminately soliciting passengers or from cruising upon the streets of the municipality for the purpose of obtaining patronage for their cabs.  (1982 Code, § 5-411)

9-412. **Parking restricted.** It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any street except in such places as have been specifically designated and marked by the municipality for the use of taxicabs. It is provided, however, that taxicabs may stop upon any street for the purpose of picking up or discharging
passengers if such stops are made in such manner as not to unreasonably interfere with or obstruct other traffic and provided the passenger loading or discharging is promptly accomplished. (1982 Code, § 5-412)

9-413. **Drivers to use direct routes.** Taxicab drivers shall always deliver their passengers to their destinations by the most direct available route. (1982 Code, § 5-413)

9-414. **Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.** No taxicab shall be used for or in the commission of any illegal act, business, or purpose. (1982 Code, § 5-414)

9-415. **Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.** It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to be under the influence of, or to drink any intoxicating beverage or beer; to use profane or obscene language; to shout or call to prospective passengers; to unnecessarily blow the automobile horn; or to otherwise disturb the peace, quiet and tranquility of the municipality in any way. (1982 Code, § 5-415)

9-416. **Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.** No person shall be admitted to a taxicab already occupied by a passenger without the consent of such other passenger. (1982 Code, § 5-416)
CHAPTER 5

MOBILE HOME PARKS\(^1\)

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9-501. Definitions. As used in this chapter:
(1) "Mobile home" means any portable structure or vehicle so constructed and designed as to permit occupancy thereof for dwelling or sleeping purposes.
(2) "Mobile home park" means any plot of ground upon which one (1) or more mobile homes, occupied or unoccupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located, regardless of whether or not a charge is made for such accommodations.
(3) "Mobile home space" means a plot of ground within a mobile home park designed for the accommodation of one (1) mobile home.
(4) "Park" means mobile home park.
(5) "Person" means any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation. (1982 Code, § 5-501)

9-502. License. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate within the corporate limits of the city any mobile home park unless such person shall first obtain a license therefor. All mobile home parks in existence on the effective date of the provisions of this chapter shall within ninety (90) days thereafter obtain such license, and in all other respects comply fully with the requirements of this chapter. (1982 Code, § 5-502)

\(^1\)Municipal code reference
Privilege taxes: title 5.
9-503. **Application for license.** Applications for a mobile home park license shall be filed with and issued by the board of zoning appeals. Applications shall be in writing signed by the applicant and shall contain the following:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;
(2) The location and legal description of the mobile home park;
(3) A complete plan of the park showing compliance with § 9-504 of this chapter.
(4) Plans and specifications of all buildings and other improvements constructed or to be constructed within the mobile home park;
(5) Such further information as may be requested by the board of zoning appeals to enable it to determine if the proposed park will comply with legal requirements.

The applications and all accompanying plans and specifications shall be filed in triplicate. The board of zoning appeals, the commissioner of buildings, and the commissioner of police shall investigate the applicant and inspect the proposed plans and specifications. If the applicant is found to be of good moral character, and the proposed mobile home park will be in compliance with all provisions of this chapter and all other applicable ordinances or statutes, the board of zoning appeals shall approve the application and upon completion of the park according to the plans shall issue the license.

Upon application for transfer of the license, the board of zoning appeals shall issue a transfer if the commissioner of police shall report that the transferee is of good moral character. (1982 Code, § 5-503)

9-504. **Mobile home park plan.** The mobile home park shall conform to the following requirements:

(1) The park shall be located on a well-drained site, properly graded to insure rapid drainage and freedom from stagnant pools of water.
(2) All mobile home spaces shall abut upon a driveway of not less than twenty feet (20') in width which shall have unobstructed access to a public street or highway. All driveways shall be hard surfaced, well marked in the daytime and lighted at night with twenty-five (25) watt lamps at intervals of one hundred feet (100') located approximately fifteen feet (15') from the ground. There shall be an extruded asphalt or concrete speed bump measuring approximately six inches (6") in height and ten to fourteen inches (10"--14") wide, located at each entrance and exit to the mobile home park and not less than every one hundred feet (100') apart along the entire length of each continuous road within the mobile home park. Maximum speed within the mobile home park shall be ten (10) miles per hour.
(3) An electrical outlet supplying at least one hundred ten (110) volts shall be provided for each mobile home space. (1982 Code, § 5-504)
9-505. **Water supply.** An adequate supply of pure water for drinking and domestic purposes shall be supplied to meet the requirements of the park. The water supply shall be obtained from faucets only. No common drinking cups shall be permitted. Cold water supply faucets shall be located on each mobile home space. (1982 Code, § 5-505)

9-506. **Sanitation facilities.** (1) Waste from showers, bath tubs, toilets, slop sinks, and laundries shall be discharged into a public sewer system in compliance with applicable ordinances or into a private sewer and disposal plant or septic tank system of construction and in a manner that will present no health hazard.

(2) Each mobile home space shall be provided with a trapped sewer at least four inches (4") in diameter, which shall be connected to receive the waste from the shower, bath tub, flush toilet lavatory, and kitchen sink of the mobile home harbored in such space and having any or all of such facilities. The trapped sewer in each space shall be connected to discharge the mobile home waste into a public sewer system in compliance with applicable ordinances or into a private sewer disposal plant or septic tank system in a manner that will present no health hazard. (1982 Code, § 5-506)

9-507. **Garbage receptacles.** Tightly covered metal garbage cans shall be provided in quantities adequate to permit disposal of all garbage and rubbish. Garbage cans shall be located not farther than two hundred feet (200') from any mobile home space. The cans shall be kept in sanitary condition at all times. Garbage and rubbish shall be collected and disposed of as frequently as may be necessary to insure that the garbage cans shall not overflow. (1982 Code, § 5-507)

9-508. **Fire protection.** Every park shall be equipped at all times with one (1) fire extinguisher in good working order for every ten (10) mobile home spaces and located not farther than two hundred feet (200') from each mobile home space. No open fires shall be permitted at any place which would endanger life or property. No fires shall be left unattended at any time. (1982 Code, § 5-508)

9-509. **Animals and pets.** No owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, or other pet animal shall permit it to commit any nuisance within the limits of any mobile home park. (1982 Code, § 5-509)

9-510. **Register of occupants.** It shall be the duty of the licensee to keep a register containing a record of all mobile home owners and occupants located within the park. The register shall contain the following information:

(1) Name and address of each occupant;

(2) The make, model, and year of all automobiles and mobile homes;
(3) License number and owner of each mobile home automobile by which it is towed;
(4) The state issuing such license;
(5) The dates of arrival and departure of each mobile home.

The park shall keep the register available for inspection at all times by law enforcement officers, public health officials, and other officials whose duties necessitate acquisition of the information contained in the register. The register records shall not be destroyed for a period of three (3) years following the date of registration. (1982 Code, § 5-510)

9-511. Revocation of license. The health officer may revoke any license to maintain and operate a park when the licensee fails to comply with any provision of this chapter and is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of violating any provision of this chapter. After such conviction, the license may be reissued if the circumstances leading to conviction have been remedied and the park is being maintained and operated in full compliance with the law. (1982 Code, § 5-511)

9-512. Posting of license. The license certificate shall be conspicuously posted in the office or on the premises of the mobile home park at all times. (1982 Code, § 5-512)
SECTION
9-601. To be furnished under franchise.

9-601. To be furnished under franchise. Cable television service shall be furnished to the City of Hohenwald and its inhabitants under franchise as the city council shall grant. The rights, powers, duties and obligations of the City of Hohenwald and its inhabitants and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the franchise agreement which shall be binding upon the parties concerned.¹

¹Cable television franchise agreements are available in the office of the city recorder.