

# Solicitors 101

## *Those who do not need a permit issued by Albemarle County Police Department:*

- Anyone selling produce or farm products
- Vendors of meat, seafood, ice, wood, charcoal or other family supplies of a perishable nature
- Children 18 years of age or younger
- Route sales person for laundry, dry cleaning, upholstery, diaper services etc...
- Members of any civic or charitable organization who have ID representing their organization
- Religious groups are not considered solicitors because they are not attempting to take orders for sales of goods, wares or merchandise but are allowed to go door to door.

*All others are required to fill out an application with the Albemarle County Police Department and pay a fee. If approved, they will receive a permit that has a photo ID (see below)*

	<b>SOLICITOR PERMIT</b> 1600 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Charlottesville, VA 22902 434-296-5807
	<b>PHOTO</b> <b>NAME:</b> _____ <b>REGISTRATION #</b> _____ <b>EXPIRATION DATE</b> _____ _____ Chief of Police or Designee

## Rules of Thumb

- *Do not open the door for anyone unless you can verify it is your guest*
  - *If you are interested in the product, ask to see ID first*
  - *If someone has violated the no solicitation signs, seems to be providing false information or simply looks up to no good – Call 911 to report.*
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**No Solicitation Signs:** *this is a step that many communities and private property owners take to deter solicitors from coming onto their property. If a solicitor comes on the property of another where there is a sign posted they are basically trespassing and the requirements of the trespassing code (18.2-119 Code of Virginia) apply – which basically says that a person must be warned either orally or in writing that they are trespassing. Legally, those that are involved in exempted activities, according to the county code, are not considered solicitors by definition and the sign would not technically apply to them. However if a resident asks anyone to leave their property that they have not invited, or that is not there for a legal purpose, they are then considered to be trespassing. This applies to even legal solicitors.*