

Chapter 136

HAWKING AND PEDDLING

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Meeting of the Town of Rumford 2-4-1952 as Ch. 15 of the 1952 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 136-1. License required. [Amended 6-12-2007 ; 6-12-2012 ; 6-10-2014]

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of hawking or peddling goods, wares or merchandise, at retail, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Board of Selectpersons. A person can apply for an annual license, a farmers' market license or a single-event license. An organization may apply for a festival event license, which will allow said organization holding a fund-raising event to have vendors on the street and sidewalks of Town for the event without requiring individual vendor licenses for each vendor during the event only. The organization shall be limited to four events in each calendar year. **[Amended 11-7-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-08]**
- B. Licenses shall be issued after the Town receives a complete application and the application fee established by the Selectpersons in the Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees; however, no license will be issued to or renewed for any applicant whose personal property taxes are in arrears. **[Amended 6-13-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-01]**

§ 136-2. Hours for hawking and peddling. [Added 6-12-2007]

The business of hawking and peddling referred to in § 136-1 of this chapter shall be confined to the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. unless special permission has been granted by the Board of Selectpersons. In the event that special permission has been granted, the Town Manager shall notify the Chief of Police, in writing, of said permission by the Board of Selectpersons as soon as practicable.

§ 136-3. Applications. [Added 6-9-2009 ; amended 6-10-2014 ; 11-7-2023 by Ord. No. 2023-08]

Application shall be submitted by each entity requesting a license. The license is valid for only one entity and may not be transferred nor shared under a group association, with the exception of the farmers' market license or the festival event license.

§ 136-4. Exemptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to commercial agents or other persons selling, by lists, catalogues, or otherwise, goods, wares or merchandise for future delivery; to persons selling fish; to persons selling farm, dairy or orchard products, of their own production; to persons selling bark, wood or forest products; or to persons selling newspapers, periodicals or religious literature.

§ 136-5. Violations and penalties. [Added 6-12-2007]

Any person, business or other entity in violation of this chapter shall be subject to the following penalties:

- A. First violation: fine of \$50.
- B. Any subsequent violation: license revoked and towing from the site at the expense of the person or business or other entity. **[Amended 6-8-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-02]**