

MUNICIPALTY OF NORRISTOWN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_ OF 2009

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PEDDLING AND SOLICITING IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Municipal Council to promote retail activity and at the same time protect the interests of local consumers; and

WHEREAS, reasonable regulation will ensure legitimate commercial activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Municipal Council of Norristown an Ordinance revoking Ordinance No. 96-7 and Chapter 125, Article II, of the 1981 Code and establishing an Ordinance regulating the peddling and soliciting in the Municipality of Norristown.

Section 101. Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

Person – Any natural person, partnership, association or corporate of legal entity.

Prohibited Areas – Streets, sidewalks, alleys, public areas and public ground within the Municipality of Norristown where the conduct of transient retail business is prohibited.

Transient Merchants – Persons, firms or corporations, whether principal or agent, engaging in the sale of any goods, wares, merchandise, food products and services of any kind whatsoever not in a permanent fixed location, i.e., door-to-door; via a truck, trailer, automobile, bicycle or van parked at permitted locations for a temporary period; or within a retail storefront with intent to discontinue such sale within three months or less. Nothing in the article shall be construed to apply to farmers selling their own produce, goods and wares as part of a farmers market; nor shall this article apply to craft persons, artists, or similar vendors, or non-profit organizations, agencies or church groups, operating as part of a festival, fair or other organized community event.

Section 201. Registration

No transient merchant shall engage in sales in the Municipality of Norristown without first registering with the Department of Finance, using forms provided for this purpose, and paying a fee, as set forth from time to time by resolution of the Municipal Council.

Section 301. Insurance

At the time of registration a transient merchant shall present to Finance Department an insurance certificate, naming the Municipality as additional insured, with appropriate limits as determined by the Municipal Administrator.

#### Section 401. Food Vendors

Food vendors shall provide to the Finance Department at the time of registration a copy of a license from the Montgomery County Department of Health or other applicable agency as required for the sale of food products.

#### Section 501. Hours of Operation

Transient merchants shall not engage in business activity on any day of the week before 11:00 AM or after 8:00 PM or dusk, whichever is later.

#### Section 601. Prohibited Areas

No person shall engage in transient sales activity in the following areas.

##### A. Sidewalks.

No person registered under this ordinance shall sell any products on any sidewalk location and no person shall occupy a fixed location in the Municipality for the purposes of the transient retail business.

##### B. Streets.

No person shall engage in transient sales in the following streets:

1. Airy Street: from DeKalb Street to Barbadoes Street.
2. Penn Street: from DeKalb Street to Barbadoes Street.
3. Lafayette Street: from Dekalb Street to Barbadoes Street.
4. DeKalb Street: from Lafayette Street to Airy Street.
5. Swede Street: from Lafayette Street to Marshall Street.
6. Cherry Street: from Lafayette Street to Airy Street.
7. Main Street: from Forrest Avenue on the west to the Municipal line on the east.
8. Marshall Street: from Markley Street to Haws Avenue
9. Markley Street: from Roberts Street to Johnson Highway
10. New Hope Street: from Johnson Highway to Marshall Street
11. Sandy Street: from Marshall Street east to the Municipal line.

## C. Park Areas

1. Latshaw-McCarty Field Area and the abutting streets of Harding Boulevard and Sterigere Street.

### Section 701. Violations and Penalties

Any transient merchant, as defined in this article, who shall violate any provision of this article in any part, upon conviction before any District Justice in the Municipality of Norristown, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$600 to be collected as other fines are by law collectible, and in default of the payment of said fine, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days.