

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERMIT PROCEDURE FOR SOLICITING OF DONATIONS, A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OZARK, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: PERMIT REQUIRED. No person, organization, firm or other party shall solicit donations on the streets of Ozark, Arkansas, for any public charity or religious purpose whatsoever without having first secured a permit from the Mayor before doing any such soliciting.

SECTION 2: INFORMATION REQUIRED. Before any person, organization, firm or group of persons shall be permitted to solicit as provided in the preceding section, they shall submit in writing to the Mayor an application stating the name and headquarters address of the group or organization they represent and solicit for, and the names and addresses of any and all solicitors so engaged or to become engaged in soliciting in and upon the streets of the City of Ozark.

SECTION 3: PERMIT ISSUED BY MAYOR. The Mayor is hereby empowered to permit any such organization, firm or other group or party to solicit religious or charitable contributions upon the streets. Such permit so to do shall be issued in writing by the Mayor, shall be attested by the City Clerk and shall bear and show an impression of the city seal in addition to the signatures of the City Mayor and City Clerk. No charge or fee shall be made for any such permit, however, no more than two (2) permits per year shall be issued to any one group or charitable/religious organization.

SECTION 4: OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC. It shall be unlawful for any person obtaining a permit pursuant to this ordinance to solicit such donations under this section in a place or in a manner which blocks or obstructs vehicular traffic or in any way creates a hazardous driving condition. The Chief of Police or his officers, or the Mayor shall have authority to revoke the permit issued pursuant to this section of any person, firm or corporation who solicits in a manner which blocks and/or obstructs vehicular traffic or creates a hazardous driving condition. The revocation of such permit shall not preclude any other penalties in this ordinance.

SECTION 5: PENALTY. Any person, organization, firm, group or party failing to comply with this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), together with the costs of the proceeding.

SECTION 6: EMERGENCY. It being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Ozark, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

*C.L. Coley*

C.L. "Bud" Coley, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Carol Sneath*

Carol Sneath, City Clerk