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Hawker and Peddler License Information

State Hawker and Peddler Applicants Instructions

1. Fill out all information on application.
2. Take the completed application to the Police Station in the city or town in which you reside and have the Chief of Police sign the Certificate of Character as required by state law.
3. Return you application to this office with the correct fee of sixty-two dollars (\$62.00). Your license will be issued while you wait, or you may send it by mail with a money order, certified check or registered check.
4. If you wish to obtain a local city or town license you may do so through the local municipality where you wish to conduct business. If the city or town you select does not issue local licenses you must procure a state license from this office.

Make check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. State license fee is sixty-two dollars (\$62.00).

Criminal Record Check:

A criminal record check may be required by your local Police in applying for a license. Check with the local Police Department where you live. If you do not require a record check, please fill out the attached form and mail to The Criminal History Systems Board, 200 Arlington Street, Suite 2200, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Food Sales:

Any food selling required a Health Certificate obtained from the local Board of Health, where you intend to sell your goods. Also a Sales Tax Registration Number must be obtained from the Department of Revenue located at Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA.

Fish or Shellfish Sales:

In addition to the Hawkers and Peddlers License, a Retail Detailers Permit as required by Chapter 130 of Mass General Laws, must be obtained from the Division of Marine Fisheries located at the Saltonstall Building, Room 1901, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA.

Local Rules and Regulations:

All licenses issued are subject to local rules and regulations. Applicants are advised to check with the local Police Departments concerning local rules, regulations and other restrictions prior to filing your application. Fees are not refundable once the license has been issued.

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