

CHAPTER 115: JUNK MERCHANTS

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§ 115.01 DEFINITIONS.

(A) Every person, as principal, agent or employee, who shall carry on the business of buying, selling or storing any of the articles enumerated in § 115.02 at an established place of business shall be deemed to be a **JUNK MERCHANT**.

(B) Every person, as principal, agent or employee, who shall go, with or without a vehicle, from house to house or place to place buying, offering to buy, collecting or getting any of the articles enumerated in § 115.02 shall be deemed to be a **JUNK PEDDLER**. (1981 Code, § 925.03)

§ 115.02 LICENSE REQUIRED.

No person shall engage in or carry on the business of collecting, buying, selling or otherwise dealing in rags, iron, brass, lead, copper, old rope, bottles, bones, tinware, rubber, bagging or any other article or thing which from its worn condition renders it useless for the purpose for which it was made, whether at a fixed place of business or as an itinerant peddler, without a license. (1981 Code, § 925.01)

§ 115.03 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; BOND.

(A) Application for a license required under the provisions of this chapter shall be made in writing to the City Council and in each application shall be stated the place where the business for which the license is desired is to be carried on, the nature of the business, the name of the person engaged therein or carrying on the firm and the kind of materials the applicant desires to collect, buy, sell or otherwise deal in.

(B) The City Council may at its discretion direct the issuance of a license on compliance by the applicant with the following requisites: every applicant for a license as a junk merchant shall pay to the City Administrator an annual license fee as stated in § 110.34.

(C) The license shall be issued as of January 1 and shall expire in one year from the date of its issue, unless sooner revoked by the Council. (1981 Code, § 925.05)

§ 115.04 STORAGE OF JUNK.

Every junk dealer shall keep all junk on the premises where the business is carried on and shall not allow any junk to be placed in or upon any public street, alley or public grounds. All property where junk is kept or stored must be enclosed by a tight board fence not less than eight feet in height, and the fence must be kept painted white at all times, and no advertising matter shall be allowed thereon. (1981 Code, § 925.07)

§ 115.05 NUISANCES.

No hides, pelts or other material or any livestock or poultry causing any odor or stench so as to be a nuisance to any of the surrounding property shall be kept on the premises. (1981 Code, § 925.09)

§ 115.06 RECORD OF PURCHASES.

Every junk merchant shall keep and retain, in ink or indelible pencil, a daily record of all articles purchased, the name, residence, age and occupation of the person from whom each article was purchased and the name of the employer of such person, also the day and hour of such purchase and the price paid. The record shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any police officer or the Mayor or any person authorized, in writing, for such purpose. No entry in such record shall be changed, erased, obliterated or defaced. (1981 Code, § 925.11)

§ 115.07 REPORTS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Every junk merchant, upon being served with a written notice so to do by a member of the Police Department, shall report to the Chief of Police an accurate description of all goods, articles or things purchased or received by him or her in the course of business as a junk merchant at such time and during such period of time specified in the notice, stating the amount paid and the name, residence and general description of the person from whom such goods, articles or things were received. (1981 Code, § 925.13)