



**THE COUNCIL  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
MARION COUNTY**

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**Indianapolis/Marion County Code Pertaining to Door to Door Sales Ordinance**

**Sec. 391-104. - Peddlers and solicitors entering private premises.**

(a)

The practice of entering upon the premises of private residences in the city by any persons acting as solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise of any kind, magazines, pamphlets, books or any other articles, when such person has not been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant of the private residence, or when a notice is posted at or near the entrance thereof forbidding such entry for any such purposes, with the intention of selling or soliciting orders for the sale of any such things, or of peddling, hawking or otherwise disposing thereof, or doing all or any of such practices, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be punishable as prescribed in this chapter.

(b)

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, soliciting of orders for the sale, or the delivery to any such premises of milk, dairy products, vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, groceries, bread or any other farm and garden produce and foods or liquid products, so far as the disposal thereof is at any time authorized by law and is done in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Code or other city ordinances; nor shall they apply to the delivery of any merchandise or other articles of any kind previously purchased or ordered by or for the owner or occupant of such premises.

Aside from the exemptions noted in Section 391-104(b), there is a Supreme Court ruling that allows for door to door political campaigning, as well as door to door "visitation" by religious groups.

This is not a code that BNS(Business and Neighborhood Services) Department enforces. It is recommended that neighbors report violators to the non-emergency IMPD phone line: 317-327-3811.

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