## ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 13-202 AND 13-203 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES BUSINESS PERMITS FOR SOLICITORS AND STREET PERFORMERS

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. Section 13-202 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13-202. – Solicitors.

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- (d) Every person who solicits or sells door to door at private residences shall submit an application for a business permit and shall submit to a criminal background history check which shall be reviewed by the chief of police or his designee to determine eligibility of the applicant. A person is not eligible for this business permit or renewal of this business permit if within the most recent fiveten-year period:
  - (1) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has two (2) or more violations of this chapter;
  - (2) The city manager or his designee has received information from the executive officer to the chief of police that the person has been convicted of two (2) one (1) or more offenses under the law of any jurisdiction which involve either misdemeanor or felony assault, communicating threats, any sexual offense or abuse involving a minor, any offense determined to be a sexually violent offense, or illegal use of weapons.

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Section 2. Section 13-203 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13-203. – Street performers.

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- (c) Permit required; procedure for issuance.
  - (1) Every person engaged in conducting an individual street performance shall first submit an application for a business permit permitting such activity to the city manager or his designee. Upon determination of eligibility by the chief of police, the person shall be issued a business permit to conduct street performances as permitted herein.
  - (2) Where a group of people seek to conduct a street performance, one (1) member of the group shall submit an application for a business permit permitting such activity to the city manager or his designee which names. Upon determination of eligibility by the chief of police, the person shall be issued a business permit to conduct street

- performances as permitted herein. The business permit issued hereunder shall be the property of the person named in the application and shall be revocable for any violation of this section by any person permitted to conduct street performances under said permit. The applicant shall be required to be present with his or her permit at all times while any person permitted under the permit is engaged in a street performance.
- (3) Before any business permit shall be issued under this section, the applicant shall submit to a criminal background history check which shall be reviewed by the chief of police or his designee to determine eligibility of the applicant and other performers. Where a group of people seek to conduct a street performance, each member of the group who may participate in a street performance shall submit to a criminal background history check as required herein. No applicant shall be eligible for issuance or renewal of a business permit under this section if the applicant or any member of a group applying for a permit has been convicted of two (2) one (1) or more offenses within a period of five (5) ten (10) years preceding the application where each offense involved an assault, communicating a threat, any sexual offense or abuse involving a minor, any offense determined to be a sexually violent offense, illegal use of a weapon or other act of violence or attempted violence.
- (4) Every street performer shall keep on their person the business permit issued hereunder during any street performance, and shall produce same upon request of any city official.

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Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.