



CITY OF HOUSTON

Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department

Class A - Thirty-Day Application for Certificate of Registration for Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes

Registration Fee: Requires payment of the 30 day Charitable Registration Fee. _____ 20 _____

Certificate Number _____

TO THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & REGULATORY AFFAIRS, HOUSTON, TEXAS:

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY MAKES APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN THE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHIN THE CITY OF HOUSTON UNDER ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF HOUSTON, TEXAS AND IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH APPLICATION MAKES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

The solicitation period will commence on or about: _____ 20 _____
Month Day Year

and will conclude on or about: _____ 20 _____
Month Day Year

1. The Full Name of the Person Registering (registrant) is: _____
Please print the full name

Registrant's E-Mail Address is: _____

2. The Registrant is an: (a) Individual (b) Partnership (c) Corporation of (d) Association (Circle One.) According to your answer in Question #2 above, complete one of the following

If applicable, the name of the Partnership, Corporation or Association is: _____

A. INDIVIDUAL:

Business or residence address: _____
(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Business or residence telephone no: _____

B. IF PARTNERSHIP:

Names of Partners	Business Address (P.O. Box Not Accepted)	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(If additional space is necessary use a separate sheet)

C. CORPORATION:

Organized under Texas Law _____ Foreign Law _____ (Check One) According to your answer complete 1 or 2 below:

1) IF TEXAS CORPORATION:

Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Business Location: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Individual in charge of Houston office: _____

Names of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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2) IF FOREIGN CORPORATION:

Mailing Address: _____
(P. O. Box will not be accepted)

Business Location: _____

Business Telephone No: _____

Place of incorporation: _____

Individual in Charge of Houston Office: _____

Names of Officers and Directors or Trustees:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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D. IF AN ASSOCIATION:

Location (if multi state) of Principal Headquarters: _____

(P.O. Box will not be accepted)

Mailing Address (if multi state) of Principal Headquarters: _____

Principal Local Business Address: _____

Principal Local Mailing address: _____

Principal Business Telephone No: _____

Names and principal business or residence address (P. O. Box will not be accepted) and telephone numbers of all members of the association. (If the number exceeds 10, you may alternatively list the names and principal business address of the officers and directors or trustees.)

Names of Members/Officers/Directors (Whichever applies)	Business Address	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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3. Give a brief description of the charitable purpose for which the funds are to be solicited, and an explanation of the intended use of the funds toward that purpose: _____

4. List the individuals authorized to incur expenses on behalf of the Registrant related to the solicitation or to disburse only proceeds of the solicitation.

Names	Mailing Address (P. O. Box not accepted)	Telephone No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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14. I prepared and have carefully read this Application for Certificate of Registration. I hereby swear or affirm that every statement made herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the registrant.

Additionally, I have reviewed the ordinance provisions of the City of Houston, some of which are cited below, regulating the solicitation of funds for charitable purposes. I hereby affirm that such solicitation will be conducted in compliance with Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Houston.

Registrant

The registration statement must be signed: by the Registrant, if the Registrant is an individual; if the Registrant is a partnership, by the partner charged with disbursing the funds solicited; if the registrant is a corporation or an association, by its officer charged with disbursing the funds solicited.

Section. 1-11. Application for permits, licenses, etc.

(a) A license, permit or certificate issued pursuant to any code or ordinance of the city shall not be issued unless the applicant submits with the application the following declaration, pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code section 132.001:

My name is _____, My date of birth is _____,
(first, middle and last name), (mm / dd / yyyy)

and My address is _____, and _____,
(street, city, state, zip code) (country)

I have personal knowledge of the statements made in the application. None of the statements are misleading or false. I acknowledge that issuance of the license; permit or certificate does not excuse or approve any violation of deed restrictions or city, state, or federal laws or regulations. To the extent that this declaration is made on behalf of a corporation or any other legal entity or persons, I certify that I have fully advised them of the contents of the application and this declaration and that I am authorized to execute this declaration.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____,
(month) (year)

Declarant

In compliance with Section 36-81 of Chapter 36, Article V, each Registrant shall file a preliminary closing statement no later than thirty (30) days from the expiration of its Certificate of Registration. It need not be sworn to and any amounts stated thereon may be estimated based upon whatever information is reasonably available to the Registrant at the time it is filed. A final closing statement shall be filed within the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days from the expiration of the, Certificate of Registration.

Read and Acknowledged _____
APPLICANT

ARA - Commercial Permitting & Enforcement Section
Houston Permitting Center - 1002 Washington Ave., 1st Floor

Post Office Box 1561; Houston, TX 77251-1561
(832) 394-8803 (832) 395-9631 fax

Online: www.houstonpermittingcenter.org or www.houstontx.gov/ara



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Acknowledgement

Sec. 36-72. Unlawful solicitation.

It shall be unlawful within the corporate limits of the city:

- (1) For any person, directly or through an agent or employee, to solicit funds unless such person has first obtained a certificate of registration from the director, as hereinafter provided.
- (2) For any individual, as the agent or employee of another, to solicit funds unless his principal or employer has received a certificate of registration as hereinafter provided.
- (3) For any person to solicit funds between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- (4) For any person, directly or through an agent or employee, to solicit funds after the expiration of any certificate of registration issued as hereinafter provided.
- (5) For the person registering or the agents or employees thereof to solicit funds for a purpose other than that set out in the registration statement upon which the certificate of registration was issued.
- (6) For any person who solicits funds to represent, in connection with such solicitation of funds, that the issuance of a certificate of registration by the city constitutes an endorsement or approval of the purposes, means, or methods of such solicitation of funds by the city or any department, officer or employee thereof.
- (7) For any person issued a certificate of registration hereunder to fail to file any financial statement required to be filed under this article.
- (8) For any person to employ, suffer or permit a minor to solicit funds.
- (9) For any person to use or expose any animal to hazardous conditions to solicit funds.

Sec. 36-73. False or misleading solicitation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly make a false or misleading representation in the course of a solicitation of funds.

False or misleading representations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Stating that the solicitation of funds is being carried out on behalf of an organization that does not exist.
- (2) Stating that the solicitor represents an organization when such statement is false.
- (3) Exhibiting a military, medical or religious order uniform or other indication of military service or membership in a medical profession or religious order when the person soliciting funds is neither a present nor former member of the service indicated, or a member of a medical profession or religious order, unless the person is soliciting funds on behalf of the military branch, medical profession, or religious order indicated in the statement.
- (4) Exhibiting an indication of physical disability or using makeup or a device to simulate any deformity or disability, when the person soliciting funds does not suffer the deformity or disability indicated.

Sec. 36-74. Solicitation on public streets.

- (a) *Solicitation in roadways.* Except as provided in section 36-75, it shall be unlawful for any person to stand in a roadway to solicit funds. It shall be unlawful for a minor to stand in a roadway for any purpose, including solicitation of funds, except as permitted by the traffic laws of the state.
- (b) *Requirements.* It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit funds pursuant to a class A certificate unless the person:
 - (1) Properly wears a high visibility traffic vest provided by the director pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated therefor;
 - (2) Conducts the solicitation of funds only within 40 feet of an intersection controlled by a traffic signal that requires all traffic to come to a full stop;
 - (3) Solicits funds only while located on a shoulder, improved shoulder, curb or sidewalk adjacent to the roadway, excluding any median;
 - (4) Does not enter the roadway to solicit or retrieve funds; and
 - (5) Does not obstruct traffic or create a hazard to traffic or any other person.
- (c) *First aid requirement.* It shall be unlawful for a person to solicit funds pursuant to a class A certificate where more than four individuals are also soliciting funds simultaneously at the same location unless a person certified by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid is present at the location.
- (d) *Location.* It shall be unlawful for a person to solicit funds pursuant to a class A certificate from a location not specified in the certificate.