Memo

To: Mayor and City Council **Third Reading**

Fr: Shellby Hendee

Dt: June 3, 2010

Re: Ordinance, solicitation on City streets

ISSUE

A recent request by an out-of-town agency to solicit upon City streets, and national news regarding accidents during such events, has prompted the City Staff to revisit our existing regulations which allow such solicitation despite the obvious danger. Contact with a number of local charitable organizations which have, in the past, conducted fund drives upon City streets indicates that all have ceased such practices citing safety and traffic concerns. The Cameron Police and Fire Departments have also expressed safety concerns, especially for exuberant youngsters who may dart into traffic to collect a contribution. Traffic back-up, congestion and inconvenience are also factors.

RECOMMENDATION

City Staff, including public safety agencies, recommend that the City Council approve the attached ordinance prohibiting solicitation upon City street rights-of-way.

Bill 2010-38 Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 6-243, RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, PHILANTHROPIC, PATRIOTIC OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE, AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 6-245 OF SAME TO PROHIBIT SOLICITATION ON CITY STREETS

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Departments of the City of Cameron have determined that solicitation upon the public streets is inherently dangerous, causes congestion, distracts drivers, and renders pedestrians vulnerable; recommends that the practice be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, local charitable organizations have discontinued the practice citing safety concerns, traffic back-up and liability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amend Subsection (a) of Section 6-243, Religious, charitable, philanthropic, patriotic or nonprofit organizations, of Chapter 6, Licenses and Business Regulations, of the Cameron City Code as follows: Strike the phrase "upon the streets" thereof.

Section 2. Enact Section 6-245 of Chapter 6, Licenses and Business Regulations, of the Cameron City Code as follows:

> **Sec. 6-245. No Solicitation on public streets.**
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> No license shall be issued, and no solicitation shall be permitted, upon the public streets or street rights-of-way including the parkways, medians, sidewalks, intersections and crosswalks, except when such roadways shall be officially closed to traffic in order to hold public events such as festivals or celebrations. Organizations specified in Sec. 6-243 shall not be exempt from this Section.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to sign this ordinance, approving it on behalf of the City.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Read and passed on first reading only this 6th day of June 2010.
Read and passed on second reading this 21st day of June 2010.
Read and passed on third reading by roll call this July 19, 2010.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk