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## Council approves stricter street corner, peddler ordinances

Those collecting for charitable causes and peddlers selling their wares will have stricter rules in Hoopeston after aldermen approved new ordinances at Tuesday evening's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Groups that solicit funds through street corner collections must now register with the city at least 10 days before the date of the collection, must fill out a registration form and must appear before Hoopeston City Council to ask permission to solicit under the ordinance that passed 5-3. Mayor Bill Crusinberry joined aldermen Bill McElhaney, Ryan Anderson, Bill Goodwine and Brandon Hamilton in voting for and Chad Yaden, Alex Houmes and Lourdine Florek voting against.

Groups that wish to solicit must pay a nonrefundable \$30 deposit at least two days before the event, payable after council approval has been given. The fee includes use of high-visibility vests which will be provided by the city.

State law governs part of the ordinance, mandating that organizations must be registered with the Illinois Attorney General as a charitable organization; will be liable for injuries to people or property during hours of solicitation; and will not allow anyone under 16 to solicit.

The new ordinance also allows the mayor, police chief or his designee to shut down collections due to inclement weather.

Collections will be allowed from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9, Market and Penn and Market and Main only. Groups soliciting must have signage stating the name of the organization collecting and purpose of the collection.

No soliciting will be allowed on Sundays or national holidays.

McElhaney, civic improvement committee chairman, said the ordinance is necessary to keep street corner collectors safe.

See ORDINANCES on other side

## Ordinance change will not affect Saturday's Poppy Day

Changes in Hoopeston's street corner collection ordinance will not affect Poppy Day, which will be held Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. The American Legion and Auxiliary will collect at Rtes. 1 and 9, Main and Market and Penn and Market.

Poppy Day is to honor all nation's war dead. This year organizers would like everyone to have a Poppy to wear on Memorial Day.

Money raised from selling poppies is used only for veterans.

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## Ordinances continued from other side

His original proposal limited collections from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., but Ald. Bill Goodwine, who does collections for St. Anthony youth group's summer work camp, said "quite a lot of money can be raised between 1 and 3. After 3, it's kind of worthless," prompting McElhaney to extend the time.

Yaden said he did corner collections for Lions Club Candy Day many years ago and saw a collector nearly hit by a semi at Rtes. 1 and 9. "My question is, is somebody's life worth a jug of money," he asked.

Florek questioned why the council was voting on ordinances received that day and also if the ordinance needed to apply to downtown collections since the statute differentiated between "roadway" and "highway."

After the meeting, Houmes said "I support and am willing to contribute to many charitable organizations, but not by way of street corner collections."

As for representatives of companies that go door-to-door unsolicited, their cost of doing business in Hoopeston went up under the updated peddlers and itinerant merchants ordinance.

New regulations include completing an application with a nonrefundable \$60 fee per solicitor; refundable

\$500 deposit per solicitor; a \$50 per-day license fee; providing photo identification and other information; submitting to a background check; and an appearance before the city council to request permission.

Exempted from the regulations are farmers selling produce and veterans and other charitable organizations, who must register with the city and also be registered with the attorney general's office, McElhaney said.

Solicitors are expected to carry \$100,000/\$300,000 of insurance per person/occurrence, respectively.

Residents who do not wish to have solicitors come to their homes are asked to put "No Solicitors" or "Charitable Solicitors Only" signs in their windows.

Solicitors who then come to those homes to solicit may be charged with violating the ordinance and face a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$750 for a second

## From the Blotter

**Eric A. Maples**, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7 a.m. Sunday in connection with a report made at 12:37 p.m. May 7, by an 18-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Maples was charged with theft for an alleged illegal utility hookup and was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**William Rossolille**, 19, of Rankin, was arrested at 4:51 p.m. Monday at McFerren Park. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

## Court Dispositions

### April 5

**Jackie Carswell** Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Kayla Petty**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Bradley David**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Ashley Graves**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Skylar Pickett**, Hoopeston, status check June 7.  
**Shenoa Webb**, Hoopeston, case closed.  
**Andy Alkire**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Haley Edwards**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Bridget Strawser**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.  
**Dawn Rogers**, Hoopeston, status check May 3.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 77, low 57.

violation.

Aldermen who voted in favor of the street collection ordinance also voted in favor of the peddler ordinance. Yaden abstained, while Houmes and Florek voted no.

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