



Junk Peddling: What you need to know

Facts about the City of Chicago Junk Peddler Ordinance (4-216)

What is a Junk Peddler?

A Junk Peddler uses a vehicle or truck to collect, dispose or transport junk from one place to another. A junk peddler will collect, transport or dispose of “junk” or makes a business of purchasing junk from anyone who desires to sell it and have it carried away. “Junk” includes old iron, chain, brass, copper, tin, lead or other base metals, old rope old bags, rags, wastepaper, paper clippings, scraps of woolens, clips, bagging, rubber and glass and empty bottles of different kinds.

Application Requirements:

- Drivers License, State ID, or another government issued photo ID.
- Name, address, social security number and a government issued photo ID for every owner.
- Illinois Business Tax Number (IBT). Register at www.tax.illinois.gov.
- Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN), if applicable.
- Any City debt must be resolved prior to the issuance or renewal of any business license.

APPLICATION FEE: \$150 License is renewable every two years.

Vehicle Requirements: Vehicle information such as make and model, City vehicle sticker number, license plate number for every junk vehicle, and proof of vehicle insurance.

Parking your Junk Vehicle: Junk vehicles may not park on any business street or residential street for a longer period than necessary for the loading or unloading of the vehicle. Vehicles may park in front of the residence of the vehicle owner, but may be restricted to additional rules, depending on the ward. See chapter 9-72 of the municipal code for more details, or contact your local ward office.

Junk Peddling Rules:

- A Junk Peddler may not receive or sell stolen goods and will be cause for immediate revocation of the license.
- Peddling is permitted between the hours of 7am-9pm.
- Peddler ID card must be carried at all times.
- Peddlers must comply with all public way use, solid waste disposal and sanitation requirements and maintain proof of proper disposal.
- Junk Peddlers may not operate as a pawnbroker, secondhand dealer or itinerant dealer with secondhand clothing.
- The driver or operator of the vehicle must wear reflective safety clothing.

How do I Apply?

Junk Peddlers should apply in person at the Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection, 121 N. LaSalle St. City Hall, Room 800. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. You can start by downloading the Business Information Sheet (BIS) at cityofchicago.org/bacp. An appointment is recommended and can be made online or by calling (312) 74-GOBIZ / 744-6249.

