



Solicitation for Donations



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Reno Municipal Code (RMC) 8.30.010 defines solicitation (Panhandling):

Any request for, or enticement or action which communicates a request for, any donation ... under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the transaction is in substance a donation....



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Lawful activity:

- Solicit in a non-aggressive manner
- Passively stand, sit*, or engage in performance of art with a sign requesting money or other donations.

*sitting or lying on the sidewalk in the Downtown Regional Center is unlawful, however, has several exceptions and requires Law Enforcement warning prior to enforcement.



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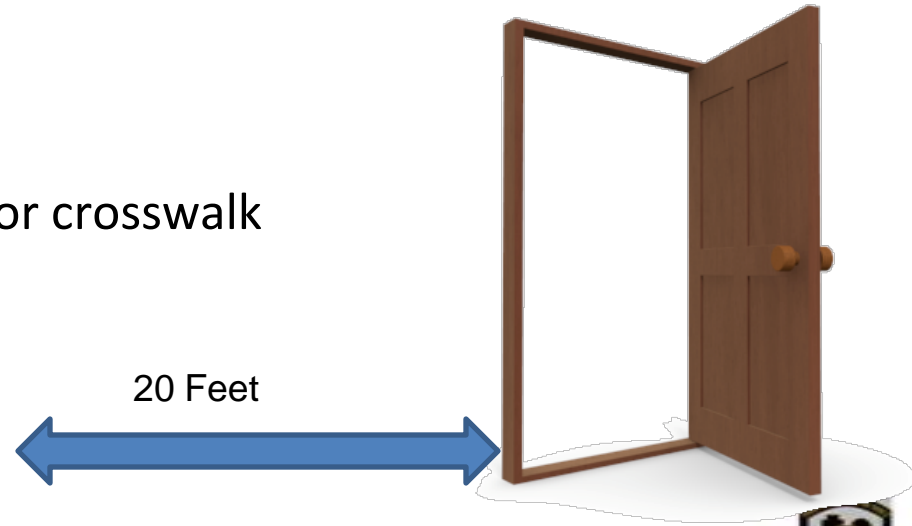


Unlawful activity:

RMC 8.30.040 - time, place and manner of solicitation

– Solicitation within 20 feet of any:

- Door
- Driveway
- ATM, Financial Institution
- Designated bus stop, taxi stand or crosswalk



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Unlawful activity:

RMC 8.30.040 - time, place and manner of solicitation

- Solicitation in any indoor or outdoor dining area
- Solicitation in any public restroom
- May not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic



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Unlawful activity:

RMC 8.30.045 – Aggressive solicitation

- Approaching or touching in a manner likely to cause a reasonable person to fear imminent bodily harm;
- Approaching or touching in a manner intended to intimidate or coerce a person into giving;
- Intentionally following behind, ahead or alongside, blocking the path with the intent to intimidate;



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Unlawful activity:

RMC 8.30.045 – Aggressive solicitation (cont)

- Continuing to solicit a person after that person avoids or verbally/physically expresses that the solicitation should cease;
- Blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a person, or the entrance to any building or vehicle; or
- Using obscene, profane or abusive language during the solicitation.



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Unlawful activity:

NRS 484B.297.3 – Soliciting alongside roadway

- Solicitation for a ride, business or contribution from the occupant of a vehicle.





Questions?