

## Solicitor License

### 369.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Chief of Police is given the statutory responsibility to ensure a criminal history investigation is conducted when an application for Solicitor License is received by the City of Vancouver.

If after the criminal history investigation is conducted and the applicant has prior convictions for specific criminal violations, the Chief of Police shall deny the Solicitor License Application.

**See attachment: [369 VMC 05.050.050 - Investigation for Issuance.pdf](#)**

### 369.2 INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Upon receipt of an application for Solicitor's License, a request shall be made to the Washington State Patrol for the criminal history of each individual who will be acting as a "Canvasser" or "Solicitor" as defined within VMC 5.50.020. The Chief of Police or designee shall then review the criminal history of each proposed Canvasser or Solicitor.

#### 369.2.1 MANDATORY DENIAL

The Chief of Police or designee shall mandatorily deny the application if, in rendering a fitness determination, it is determined that the applicant has any of the following enumerated disqualifiers which are found by the Chief of Police to bear directly upon the ability or fitness to serve in the capacity of Canvasser or Solicitor:

1. Within three (3) years of the date of application, the applicant had a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding for one or more of the following:
  - a. Assault: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.36;
  - b. Non-felony Theft: to include any misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor codified within RCW 9A.56;
  
2. Within ten (10) years of the date of application, the applicant had a bail forfeiture, conviction or other final adverse finding for one or more of the following:
  - a. Identity Crimes: to include any crime codified within RCW 9.35;
  - b. Promoting Pornography: to include any crime codified within RCW 9.68;
  - c. Sexual Exploitation of Children: to include any crime codified within RCW 9.68A;
  - d. Homicide: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.32;
  - e. Kidnapping: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.40;
  - f. Sex Offenses: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.44;
  - g. Harassment: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.46;

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- h. Burglary: to include any felony codified within RCW 9A.52;
  - i. Theft and Robbery: to include any felony codified within RCW 9A.56;
  - j. Identification Documents: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.58;
  - k. Fraud: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.60;
  - l. Indecent Exposure: to include any crime codified within RCW 9A.88.
3. The applicant is currently under the duty to register as a Sex Offender.

### 369.2.2 DISCRETIONARY DENIAL

The Chief of Police or designee may deny the application if, in rendering a fitness determination, it is determined that the applicant has any of the following enumerated disqualifiers which may, depending on the circumstances, bear upon the ability or fitness to serve in the capacity of Canvasser or Solicitor:

- 1. The applicant has been convicted of any felony within ten (10) years prior to the date of the Solicitor License application;
- 2. The applicant has been convicted of any misdemeanor involving violence and/or property damage within ten (10) years prior to the Solicitor License application;
- 3. The applicant makes a misrepresentation of, or fails to disclose, a material fact to the City of Vancouver in relation to licensing qualifications.