

RESOLUTION NO. R25- 4089

Resolution authorizing permanent waivers for City-issued Transient Merchant permits for certain Local Governments & Non-Profit Organizations.

WHEREAS, State Code and City Code, specifically Chapter 122 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheldon, Iowa, regulate Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC), Sheldon Chamber and Economic Development Corporation (SCDC), Sheldon Community School District, RiseFest, and Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU) have managed and sponsored events in the past where the City has either waived or not required City transient merchant permits, a practice with a long history of success, though its origin is unknown, and these organizations have consistently demonstrated their ability to effectively manage their own vendors; and

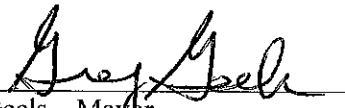
WHEREAS, City Code Chapter 122, Section 122.17 provides exemptions for "Charitable & Non-Profit Organizations, Local Residents, and Religious Groups," and Section 122.18 further addresses charitable and nonprofit organizations, though these organizations typically do not conduct their own vending as contemplated by these sections but instead bring in outside vendors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a permanent waiver for these five groups, subject to repeal by future Council action, is a practical and efficient alternative to annual waivers or piecemeal requests, ensuring public disclosure of this longstanding practice in light of existing City Ordinances while retaining the ability to revisit the matter if concerns arise; and

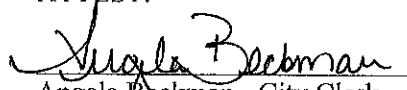
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sheldon, Iowa, that perpetual waivers for City transient merchant permits are hereby approved (consistent with adopted ordinance) for the Sheldon Community School District, Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC), and other schools with an established physical footprint in Sheldon, RiseFest, Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU), and Sheldon Chamber and Economic Development Corporation (SCDC), effective upon passage of this resolution and continuing unless repealed by a subsequent City Council resolution. This waiver applies solely to the footprint of their own grounds and does not extend to the use of City parks (except for SCDC), City property (except for SCDC), or City right-of-way unless authorized in writing by the Public Works Director. These groups shall remain responsible for supervising their own vendors and ensuring compliance with Iowa Code, City Ordinances, and other applicable laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sheldon, Iowa, that this waiver does not apply to sales of alcohol, tobacco, or other activities or sales requiring City, County, State, or Federal licensing; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16 day of April, 2025.


Greg Geels – Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Beckman - City Clerk