

WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Information for organizers of fund raising events which are held on public sidewalks:

- By state law and city ordinance, such fund raising events should only be held by such organizations which are tax exempt charitable organizations. At this time, the city chooses not to investigate the standing of any group conducting such fund raising events.
- No permissions or licenses need be obtained from the city or the police department for fund raising sales held on the public sidewalk. The police department will not be keeping records of any such sales events. No notification to the city or the police department is necessary to conduct such fund raising sales events.
- Use of the public sidewalks for fund raisers is on a first come, first served basis. The city and police department will not give or imply sole permission for an organization to locate its event on any particular location on a public sidewalk.
- If an organization holds more than three such fund raising events during any calendar year, it is in violation of state statutes if it does not first obtain required sales tax sellers permits and/or be inspected and approved by the state restaurant inspector.
- Organizations conducting such events can not block the public sidewalk. While the stand is in operation, the stand must not impede or inconvenience public use of the sidewalk. Blocking or impeding use of the public sidewalk is a violation which will be addressed by the police department on an individual basis.
- If any portion of the event takes place on private property, permission must be gained from the property owner.
- At such time as the city chooses to enforce any and/or all laws and ordinances concerning fund raising sales, adequate public notice will be given, and an appropriate period established for warning organizations which would be in violation of those laws and ordinances when they were conducting such sales in violation of those laws and ordinances.