Town Council
Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 7.a.

Agenda Item: **Ordinance 26-O-21 to amend Chapter 14 (Businesses), Article III. (Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers), Sec. 14-66 (Registration), to update permit registration requirements**

Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

Category: Consent

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Description:
This amendment is administrative in nature and was recommended by the Herndon Police Department. The current subsection (2) requires individuals holding a valid Fairfax County permit to register that permit with the Town of Herndon Chief of Police before engaging in peddling, soliciting, or canvassing within the Town. However, there is no legal authority for this registration requirement, and the Herndon Police Department has no practical means to administer or enforce it.

Individuals who engage in peddling, soliciting, or canvassing within the Town are already required to obtain and maintain a valid Fairfax County permit. This amendment removes the unnecessary requirement that the county-issued permit be registered with the Chief of Police prior to conducting such activities in the Town. The amendment does not change the underlying requirement to possess a valid Fairfax County permit.

Background/Timing Impact:
This amendment will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Legal Impact:

According to the Virginia State Code, amendments to the town code require action by the Town Council.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance as proposed.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance (Proposed)