

**BLACKPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULATIONS MADE BY BLACKPOOL COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO STREET COLLECTIONS**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 5 of the Police, Factories etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916, as amended by Section 251 of the Local Government Act 1972, and Schedule 29 to that Act, Blackpool Borough Council hereby makes the following Regulations with respect to the places where and the conditions under which persons may be permitted in any street or public place within the Borough of Blackpool to collect money or sell articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes:-

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –
 - “collection” means a collection of money or a sale of articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes and the word “collector” shall be construed accordingly;
 - “promoter” means a person who causes others to act as collectors;
 - “permit” means a permit for a collection;
 - “contributor” means a person who contributes to a collection and includes a purchaser of articles for sale for the benefit of charitable or other purposes;
 - “collecting box” means a box or other receptacle for the reception of money from contributors.
2. No collection, other than a collection taken at a meeting in the open air, shall be made in any street or public place within the Borough of Blackpool unless a promoter shall have obtained a permit from Blackpool Council.
3. Application for a permit shall be made in writing not later than one month before the date on which it is proposed to make the collection; provided that Blackpool Council may reduce the period of one month if satisfied that there are special reasons for so doing.
4. No collection shall be made except upon the day and between the hours stated in the permit.
5. Blackpool Council may, in granting a permit, limit the collection to such streets or public places or such parts thereof as it thinks fit.
6. (1) No person may assist or take part in any collection without the written authority of a promoter.

- (2) Any person authorised under paragraph (1) above shall produce written authority forthwith for inspection on being requested to do so by a duly authorised officer of Blackpool Council or Lancashire Constabulary.
7. Collections must take place on footpaths (where they are provided) not the carriageway of any street; provided that Blackpool Council may, if it thinks fit; allow a collection to take place on the said carriageway where:
- (i) Such collection has been authorised to be held in connection with a procession, fun run or similar activity, or where traffic has been prohibited from using the carriageway during the period that the collection is permitted; or
 - (ii) Such collection is undertaken as part of an authorised collection on behalf of the Illuminations fund.
8. No collection shall be made in a manner likely to inconvenience or annoy any person.
9. No collector shall importune any person to the annoyance of such person. For the avoidance of doubt collectors must not approach members of the public to ask for donations.
10. While collecting –
- (a) A collector shall remain stationary; and
 - (b) A collector or two collectors together shall not be nearer to another collector than 25 metres; provided that Blackpool Council may, if it thinks fit, waive the requirements of this Regulation in respect of a collection which has been authorised to be held in connection with a procession, fun run or similar activity.
11. No promoter, collector or person who is otherwise connected with a collection shall permit a person under the age of sixteen years to act as a collector, provided that Blackpool Council may permit persons of fourteen years of age or more to act as collectors where it is satisfied that it is reasonable in the circumstances of a particular collection and that collectors under sixteen years of age will be accompanied by an adult.
12. (1) Every collector shall carry a collecting box.
- (2) All collecting boxes shall be numbered consecutively and shall be securely closed and sealed in such a way as to prevent them being opened without the seal being broken.

(3) All money received by a collector from contributors shall immediately be placed in a collection box.

(4) Every collector shall deliver, unopened, all collecting boxes in his possession to a promotor.

13. A collector shall not carry or use any collecting box, receptacle or tray which does not bear displayed prominently thereon the name of the charity or fund which is to benefit or any collecting box which is not duly numbered.

14. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below a collecting box shall be opened in the presence of a promoter and another responsible person,

(2) Where a collecting box is delivered, unopened, to a bank, it may be opened by an official of the bank,

(3) As soon as a collecting box has been opened, the person opening it shall count the contents and shall enter the amount with the number of the collecting box on a list which shall be certified by that person.

15. (1) No payment shall be made to any collector.

(2) No payment shall be made out of the proceeds of a collection, either directly or indirectly, to any other person connected with the promotion or conduct of such collection for, or in respect of, services connected therewith, except such payments as may have been approved by Blackpool Borough Council.

16. (1) Within one month after the date of any collection the person to whom a permit has been granted shall forward to Blackpool Borough Council:

(a) A statement in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, or in a form to the effect, showing the amount received and the expenses and payments incurred in connection with such a collection, and certified by that person;

(b) A list of the collectors;

(c) A list of the amounts contained in each collecting box;

and shall, if required by Blackpool Borough Council, satisfy it as to the proper application of the proceeds of the collection.

(2) In the event that in excess of £1,000.00 is raised as a result of the collection the certificate referred to in 16 (1) (a) above shall be completed and signed by a qualified accountant

(3) Blackpool Council may, if satisfied there are special reasons for doing so, extend the period of one month referred to in 16 (1) above.

(4) For the purposes of this Regulation a “qualified accountant” means a member of one or more of the following bodies:-

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;

The Association of Certified Accountants;

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

17. These Regulations shall not apply:-

(a) In respect of a collection taken at a meeting in the open air; or

(b) To the selling of articles in any street or public place when the articles are sold in the ordinary course of trade.

These Regulations shall come into operation upon the expiration of the period of one month beginning with the date on which they are confirmed by the Secretary of State and all other Street Collection Regulations having effect within the Blackpool Borough are hereby repealed with effect from the date on which these Regulations come into force.

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing Regulations and directed that the same should be published by the insertion of an announcement in two successive issues of two newspapers circulating in the Blackpool Borough stating that such Regulations have been made and confirmed and that copies can be obtained on application to Blackpool Borough Council, PO Box 77, Town Hall, Blackpool FY1 1AD.

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