The collection of donations within the County rights-of-way must be conducted in accordance with Florida Statute §316.2045, Lee County Ordinance, Administrative Code, Permit Conditions. Organized charities soliciting contributions within the County rights-of-way may be issued a permit provided that details regarding the locations of solicitation, the persons doing the solicitation and all of the permit requirements of Administrative Code AC-8-1 are met.

All people soliciting contributions must comply with the following minimum safety measures and requirements:

1. Collections must stop when a traffic crash or any other traffic disturbance occurs at the location. Collections are not to resume until the vehicles and emergency workers clear the crash scene.
2. Collections must stop when a major traffic incident occurs and the route is being used as a detour. Collections may resume as soon as traffic returns to normal conditions.
3. Collections must stop upon direction from a Law Enforcement Officer, Lee County Department of Transportation employee, or other Lee County official.
4. You must be at least 18 years old to solicit contributions in the right-of-way. No one younger than 18 is permitted to stand, sit, walk, or otherwise be positioned in the right-of-way at any time.
5. Soliciting is only permitted between sunrise and sunset, and only if visibility is not reduced due to conditions such as fog, precipitation, or other visibility obstruction.
6. Solicitors must erect 36” x 36” WORKERS AHEAD (W21-1) or ROAD WORKERS SYMBOL (W21-1A) warning signs 500’ in advance of the workers warning motorists to expect workers in the roadway.
7. Solicitors are not permitted to park vehicles on the median, paved shoulder, sidewalks, or anywhere within the right-of-way.
8. Submit a detailed safety plan with permit application which outlines full compliance with the permit conditions and provides additional measures to provide for the safety of all people who are soliciting and for all road users in the solicitation area.
9. Solicitation may only occur while the traffic is stopped for a solid red light or steady red arrow.
10. People must be positioned to observe the cross street signal at all times to warn solicitors (by two-way radio, whistle, air horn, or by other approved method) to clear the travel lanes when the cross street light turns yellow.
11. A green traffic signal will turn yellow for approximately 3 to 4 seconds; people at the intersection observing the signal changes must immediately warn people who are in or adjacent to the roadway to stop collections and move to a safe location. A limited All Red signal occurs following the yellow signal which provides a final warning for the next traffic signal cycle.
12. All people at the intersection are required to familiarize themselves with the signal sequence and develop safety procedures which will stop collections before the signal changes to green.
13. Continuing to collect donations after the traffic signal has changed to green is a violation of Florida Statute §316.2045(1) which is punishable in accordance with Chapter 318 of State Statutes. Continued violations of soliciting after the signal has turned green may result in immediate suspension of the permit.

14. The flow of vehicle traffic must not be impeded. All soliciting/collection of donations must stop and solicitors must step out of the path of vehicle traffic prior to or as soon as any traffic signal on the approach changes to green.

15. While traffic is moving in adjacent lanes, all solicitors must stand on the roadside or on a raised median 6’ or more wide. Standing on painted medians, center lines, lane lines, painted traffic separators, or traffic separators less than 6’ wide is not allowed. All people must stand as far as practical from the edge of the roadway.

16. Pedestrian regulations and requirements as listed in Chapter 316.130 of Florida Statutes must be adhered to by all people standing in or adjacent to the roadway.

17. No solicitors may step into the roadway approach until red signals are displayed for all vehicles on that approach and vehicular traffic within at least 200’ of the soliciting area has come to a full stop.

18. All solicitors must wear safety apparel:
   a. High-visibility safety apparel which meets the requirements of the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for High Visibility Safety Apparel, and be labeled as ANSI/ISEA 107-2004.
   b. Class 2 apparel may be worn in the daytime in lieu of Class 3; however, Class 3 apparel is recommended for all people who will be working in the roadway.
   c. Class 3 apparel must be worn for all dawn and dusk activities.
   d. The apparel background material color must be orange, yellow-green, or a fluorescent version of these colors. The retro-reflective material must be orange, yellow, white, silver, yellow-green, or a fluorescent version of these colors, and must be visible at a minimum distance of 1,000’.

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**Class 2 Safety Vest**

**Class 3 Safety Vest**
Below is a typical minimum traffic safety plan. Label the intersection streets’ names and provide parking details below. Submit this sheet with your application packet (Fill in a new one in for each intersection where solicitations will take place.)

A. Signal observers will be stationed at corners where they can see all signal displays. They will each have a radio or other approved device which they will use to inform solicitors in the street when the light for thru traffic changes to yellow.

B. Orange and Black 36”x 36” WORKERS AHEAD (W21-1) or ROAD WORKERS SYMBOL (W21-1A) signs will be placed on the shoulder and in the raised median 500’ from the intersection.

C. All cars will be parked at the ______________________________ parking lot.

D. Collectors will stand on the roadside, at least 4’ or more from the travel lane, while traffic is moving.

E. Collectors will enter roadway only after all the traffic has stopped. They will start soliciting at the stop bar and walk away from the intersection, always facing approaching traffic. Upon hearing the designated signal they will immediately return to the safe area that is designated away from the road pavement.