

CAN A SELECTBOARD PROHIBIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM SOLICITING MONEY FROM WITHIN TOWN HIGHWAYS?

Yes, towns have the authority to regulate coin drops on town highways according to 23 V.S.A. § 1056. The local legislative body may grant permission to non-profits and municipal organizations to solicit financial contributions from within the roadway. Before granting approval, the legislative body must ensure there is adequate liability coverage for the municipality and that the proposed location does not “create a safety hazard or cause undue traffic congestion.” Under state law, individuals under the age of 16 may not stand in the roadway and solicit contributions.

VLCT recommends that all participants be familiar with Vermont Agency of Transportation traffic safety requirements. If your municipality is a member of PACIF, please contact your regional VLCT loss control consultant prior to the fundraising event.

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