

N.C.P.I.-Motor Vehicle 211.56
PEDESTRIANS-STANDING OR LOITERING ON HIGHWAYS; SOLICITING
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MOTOR VEHICLE VOLUME
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Stat. § 20-175(b).¹

The motor vehicle law provides that no person shall stand or loiter on a [highway] [street],² excluding sidewalks, or cause any motor vehicle to stop in a manner that impedes the normal movement of traffic on the public highways or streets³ for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the operator or occupant of any motor vehicle.

A violation of this law is negligence within itself.⁴

1. The statute does not apply to "licensees, employees or contractors of the State Highway Commission or of any municipality engaged in construction or maintenance or in making traffic or engineering surveys."

2. "Highway" is synonymous with "street." For a definition of "highway," see § 20-4.01(13).

3. For an instruction regarding willful conduct which impedes traffic, see N.C.P.I.-Civil 211.50.

4. The statute contains no negation of negligence *per se*. See, however, the instructions (N.C.P.I.-Civil 211.40 and 211.45) regarding pedestrians crossing or walking on highways. See also *Pinkston v. Connor*, 63 N.C. App. 628, 306 S.E.2d 132 (1983).