

# Forks Township tables move on plan to set up license fee for temporary vendors

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Forks Township supervisors Thursday tabled action on a proposed ordinance change to cover temporary retail sales operations until the proposed regulations get more study.

Township Manager Cathy Kichline told supervisors there are a number of questions about the issue that still have to be reviewed with township solicitor Karl Kline. Kichline said parking is an issue not addressed in the proposed change to the township peddling and solicitation ordinance.

No new date was set for reconsideration of the issue.

Township officials have said while there is no problem with the number of temporary sales operations — only one is currently operating — they want to get a handle on the issue. The township is looking to establish a temporary retail sales license fee which would be charged in addition to the current \$25 monthly zoning fee. Supervisors must change the ordinance to establish the sales license, then amend the township fee schedule.

Several supervisors have said establishing a license fee for the temporary sales operations, typically housed in tents to sell items like plants and flowers, is needed to even the playing field with established, permanent retail businesses.

The officials pointed out that unlike the permanent stores, the temporary sales locations do not pay property and mercantile taxes or water and sewer fees.

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