

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 17-19

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A NO-KNOCK REGISTRY FOR PEDDLING,
SOLICITING AND CANVASSING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington that Chapter 167 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled "Peddling and Soliciting" be and is hereby amended by adding the following provisions to Article I [General Regulations]:

1.

§ 167-1 **Definitions** is amended by amending the definition of "Solicitor" as follows:

"SOLICITOR

A person, also known as a "canvasser," traveling either by foot, motor vehicle or other motorized conveyance, bicycle or other human powered conveyance, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, to take or attempt to take orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such person has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of the sale, and whether or not such person accepts an advance payment for the goods. Included in the definition of "solicitor" is any person taking a poll or a survey from house to house or on the streets, or soliciting the sale, lease or other disposition of a house or real property."

2.

§ 167-2 **Purpose** is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

"The purpose of this article is to prevent crime, invasion of privacy, and dishonest business practices by the regulation of the conduct of solicitors, nonprofit-making vendors and distributors, and the fee therefor is estimated to cover the expenses involved and not for revenue purposes, and by the imposition of license fees for revenue upon peddlers."

3.

The following additional section is hereby added to Article I, **General Regulations**:

"§ 167-14.1 No Knock Registry.

A. Any owner or occupant of real property within the Township of Washington who desires that solicitors, peddlers, distributors and nonprofit-making vendors be restrained from soliciting such owner or occupant may enroll in a "no knock" registry to be created and maintained by the Township Clerk (the "Registry"). The Registry shall be updated as enrollments are added, and a current Registry shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Chief of Police.

B. Upon issuance of a license under this chapter, the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall furnish to the licensee the most current Registry provided by the Township Clerk, and the licensee shall personally acknowledge receipt of the Registry, such acknowledgment constituting notice of the contents of the Registry.

C. No solicitor, peddler, distributor or nonprofit-making vendor issued a license under this chapter shall enter upon any property listed on the Registry, nor attempt to contact or communicate with any owner or occupant of said property or invitee thereof. Any licensee violating the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment as prescribed in Section 1-9 of the Code.”

4. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.


5. All Ordinances or any provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies and not otherwise.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication and in accordance with the Charter, and subject to such emergency resolution as may be adopted pursuant to Section 17-32 thereof. [R.S. 40:69A-181 (b)].

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk


Robert Bruno
Council President


Introduction Date: October 30, 2017

MOTION		SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno		Bruno		Bruno	X			
Calamari		Calamari	X	Calamari	X			
Cascio		Cascio		Cascio	X			
Sears	X	Sears		Sears	X			
Ullman		Ullman		Ullman	X			

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Adoption Date: November 13, 2017

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Bruno		Bruno		Bruno	X			
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