

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #109-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLICIT  
CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ROADWAYS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-60, that the Stewartsville Volunteer Fire Company and the Greenwich Township Emergency Squad be and hereby are authorized to solicit contributions on municipal or county roadways at signalized intersections or when existing traffic control device causes temporary interruption in the flow of normal traffic in the Township of Greenwich subject to certain restrictions and conditions, pursuant to a charitable solicitation permit issued by the Township Clerk.

SECTION I.

**Authorization.**

- A. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-60, the Stewartsville Volunteer Fire Company and the Greenwich Township Emergency Squad are hereby permitted to solicit contributions in the right-of-way of a roadway or county highway located within the Township subject to the provisions and restrictions contained in this article.
- B. Under no circumstances may a charitable organization conduct a charitable solicitation without first having obtained a permit from the Township Clerk following approval by the Township Committee and the Chief of Police.

**Permits.**

- A. An application for a charitable solicitation permit shall be filed with the Township Clerk not less than thirty days before the date upon which it is proposed to conduct such solicitation.
  - (1) The application for a charitable solicitation permit shall set forth the following information:
    - (a) Name, address and telephone number of the authorized charitable organization seeking to conduct the charitable solicitation.
    - (b) Date(s) and times upon which the solicitation is proposed.
    - (c) Method of charitable solicitation, (i.e., coin toss using blankets).
    - (d) Specific location or location of proposed charitable solicitation (i.e., the name(s) of the roadway and the precise location on the roadway).
    - (e) Contact person for the charitable organization.

- (f) Names of the persons (solicitors) conducting the charitable solicitation on behalf of the charitable organization at each proposed location.
  - (g) Any additional information which the Chief of Police shall find reasonably necessary for the fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.
- B. If the proposed charitable solicitation is to be conducted upon any county highway, road or intersection, the authorized charitable organization must submit written evidence of approval by the Warren County Board of Commissioners pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-60.

**General restrictions and provisions.**

- A. Solicitation of contributions is prohibited along traffic circles or highway or roadway segments determined to be inappropriate by the Chief of Police or his or her designee in the interest of public safety.
- B. Solicitation is permitted only at signalized intersections or when the existing traffic control device causes temporary interruption in the flow of normal traffic.
- C. The Greenwich Township Police may suspend solicitation operations at any time if any condition of a state, county or municipal permit is violated or if, in the police officer's sole discretion, traffic is being impeded or delayed or the public safety is at risk.
- D. Solicitation shall not stop traffic or impede the flow of traffic. Traffic shall already be stopped before solicitation may occur and shall cease while traffic is moving. Use of a flagman shall be prohibited.
- E. The charitable organization shall be responsible for cleaning up any of its debris from the roadway.
- F. Solicitation shall only be permitted during daylight hours, subject to the hours of solicitation set forth in the permit.
- G. Solicitors shall not drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when soliciting.
- H. Each person soliciting charitable contributions on behalf of the charitable organization shall be at least 18 years of age and a member of the charitable organization.

**Safety criteria.**

- A. All solicitors shall wear breakaway type safety vests that are ANSI compliant.
- B. The solicitors shall not install any traffic control devices.

**Signage requirements.**

- A. Signs advertising the solicitation are permitted, but they must be of temporary construction and breakaway to the extent possible.
- B. Signage shall be a maximum of 16 square feet.

- C. Signage shall be in accordance with the temporary signage standards contained in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- D. At least two warning signs shall be placed as follows:
  - (1) "CHARITABLE SOLICITATION 500 FEET AHEAD"; and
  - (2) A second sign following identifying the name of the charitable organization soliciting.
- E. Signs shall not be permitted in the traveled way or in medians less than six feet in width.
- F. All signs warning, noticing or advertising solicitations shall be removed immediately following the solicitation event.

**Township immunity from liability.**

The Township of Greenwich shall not be liable in any civil action for damages for personal injury or property damage resulting from a motor vehicle accident arising out of or in the course of solicitations for the purpose of soliciting contributions conducted by the charitable organization as defined in this article.

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

SECTION III.

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately after final passage and publication, as required by law.

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Robert Barsony, Mayor

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Lisa A. Burd, RMC, CMC, CMR  
Township Clerk/Administrator

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