TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD COUNTY OF WARREN



ORDINANCE 003-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 260, PEDDLING AND SOLITICING OF THE MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A NO-KNOCK REGISTRY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend and supplement Chapter 260, Peddling and Soliciting of the Township Municipal Code and to create a No- Knock Registry.

WHEREAS, the current Township Municipal Code is in need to be updated to implement a prohibition of door-to-door solicitations via a No- Knock Registry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that:

A. The following amendments to Chapter 260 (Peddling and Soliciting) Section V are hereby adopted:

§260-5.1 Establishment of a No-Knock Registry

- A. For the purpose of protecting residents from criminal activities and safeguarding their privacy, there is hereby established a No-Knock Registry of properties where soliciting is prohibited. The No-Knock Registry shall be maintained by the Township Clerk.
- B. The Township Clerk shall prepare a list of addresses of those premises whose owners or occupants have notified the Township Clerk that soliciting is not permitted on their premises. Notification shall be by the completion of a form, available on the Township website and in the Township Clerk's office during normal business hours. The premises shall remain on the Registry unless the owner or occupant notifies the Township Clerk in writing that they wish the property to be removed from the Registry. The Township Clerk shall update the list monthly. The inclusion of a premises on the Registry shall be deemed a revocation of any privilege or license to enter or attempt to enter the property.
- C. The Township Clerk shall distribute the current Mansfield Township No-Knock Registry to a licensed solicitor at the time of issuance of a license.
- D. Although the most current list of registrants on the Mansfield Township No-Knock Registry shall be provided by the Township Clerk, it is the responsibility of the solicitor to have the updated list prior to engaging in any soliciting within the Township.
- E. Any person convicted of violating this section upon competent evidence by an owner, occupant, or other person with personal knowledge of such violation shall be subject to minimum fine of \$100.00 and a permanent revocation of any license issued under the within article.
- F. This section does not preclude an owner or occupant from filing any other appropriate compliant with the Municipal Prosecutor, including a compliant for trespass.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD:

Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk

Joseph Watters, Mayor

Motion: Introduce Ordinance Moved by: Hayes; Seconded by: Mc Guinness

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (Summary: Yes=4)

Yes: Farino, Hayes, Mc Guinness, Watters

No: Abstain:

Absent: Mora Dillon

Introduced: February 28, 2024 Published: March 5, 2024 Public Hearing: March 13, 2024

Motion: Adopt Ordinance Moved by: Hayes; Seconded by: Mc Guinness

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (Summary: Yes=4)

Yes: Hayes, Mc Guinness, Mora Dillon, Watters

No: Abstain: Absent: Farino

Adopted: March 13, 2024 Published: March 19, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township of Mansfield Committee on the 13th of March, 2024.

Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk