

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE 607

AN ORDINANCE OF UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 220-1 TO FURTHER CLARIFY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS THEREIN; CREATING A NEW SECTION 220-11, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A “DO NOT SOLICIT” LIST FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS TO WHOM THE ORDINANCE IS APPLICABLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERANCE AND REPEALER CLAUSES

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Providence Township does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. Chapter 220-1.B(4) is amended by deleting the existing language and replacing it with the following: “persons, sometimes referred to as canvassers, who attempt to make personal contact with a resident for the primary purpose of attempting to enlist support for or against a particular religion, philosophy, ideology, political party, issue or candidate, even if incidentally to such purpose, the canvasser accepts the donation of money for or against such cause, or distributed a handbill or flyer advertising a non-commercial event or service. The registration requirements set forth in this ordinance are available to such persons on a voluntary basis, but are not mandatory.
2. The codified ordinances are modified by the addition of a new chapter section, 220-11, entitled “Do Not Solicit Registry”, and the text of which is as follows:
 - A. “Township staff at the direction of the Township manager shall maintain a list of persons within the Township who restrict visits to their residential property (including their leasehold in the case of a tenant) by hawkers, peddlers, and solicitors. A copy of the registry shall be provided to each person who registers to solicit within the Township. It shall be a violation of this ordinance to solicit at any property that has requested inclusion on the Do Not Solicit Registry, punishable as set forth elsewhere in this ordinance. Notice of the availability of such registry shall be made known to residents through the Township website, newsletter, or other means at the discretion of the Township Manager.
 - B. Regardless of whether a residence has been added to the Do Not Solicit Registry, no solicitor shall enter upon any private residential property where the property is clearly posted in the front yard or on the residence with a sign visible from the public right of way advising that solicitations are prohibited. Where such notice is posted on the door or elsewhere at a size that is not visible from the right of way, then it is a violation to remain on the premises after being close enough to such notice to read its terms.
3. This ordinance is effective five days after adoption.
4. If any portion of this ordinance is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such invalid portion shall to the extent possible be severed from the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect.

5. Any portion of any existing ordinance which is inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance is, to the extent of such inconsistency, is repealed.


SO ORDAINED this 15th day of July, 2024.

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Helene Calci, Chair

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Tieperman,
Township Secretary