WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST GOSHEN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 60 OF THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING", TO AMEND SECTIONS 60-2.B AND C REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR A SOLICITATION LICENSE; SECTION 60-3 TITLED, "RULES OF CONDUCT" TO ADD A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH G AND H TO PROHIBIT SOLICITATION ON PROPERTY WHERE THERE ARE NO SOLICITATION SIGNS; AND SECTION 60-7 TITLED "VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISION" TO MODIFY THE METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT FROM CIVIL ENFORCEMENT TO SUMMARY CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, that the Code of the Township of West Goshen, specifically Chapter 60, titled, "Peddling and Soliciting", shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 60-2, titled "Application for License," subparagraph B and C shall be amended to read as follows:

- "B. Upon submission of the application and the payment of the fee, as determined by the Board, the Police shall review the submission. The Police are authorized to reject the application of any applicant who has previously been convicted of any felony offense or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, theft, sexual offenses, or crimes of violence in the past 10 years. In the event that no record of such convictions is found, the Police shall authorize the issuance of a license.
- C. Licenses may be renewed annually, upon payment of the fee herein above provided for and amendment of the original application to reflect any changes necessary in the information therein contained and after a determination by the Police that the applicant has not, in the interim period, been convicted of any felony offense or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, theft, sexual offenses, or crimes of violence in the past 10 years."
- **SECTION 2.** Section 60-3, titled, "Rules of Conduct" shall be amended to add a new subparagraph G and H to read as follows:
- "G. A licensee shall not enter any property where the owner has displayed a "No Solicitation" sign.
- H. A licensee shall not enter any property in a planned community where the homeowners association of the planned community has displayed a "No Solicitation" sign."

SECTION 3. Section 60-7 titled "Violation and enforcement provision" shall be amended as follows:

"§60-7. Violation and enforcement provision. Any person who violates or permits the violation of any provision of this chapter shall, upon being found liable therefor in a criminal enforcement proceeding commenced by the township before a District Justice, pay a fine for each such violation in an amount not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Township."

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after enactment.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> <u>REPEALER.</u> All ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 5 DAY OF March , 2024.

ATTEST:

Christopher Bashore, Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

BY: Ashley Gagné, Chair

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