

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. O-3-2020-005

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING"
TO ADD NEW SECTION 77-10.1 "DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY"**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 77, of the Code of the Township of Monroe entitled "Peddling and Soliciting" is hereby amended to add new section 77-10.1, "Do Not Knock Registry" as follows:

- A. A registry shall be established in the Township Clerk's office which contains a list of addresses of those premises where the owner or occupant has notified the Township Clerk that they wish to prohibit persons and entities from canvassing, soliciting, peddling, itinerant vending or attempting door-to-door sales on their premises.
- (1) Any owner or occupant who requests their property be listed on the Do Not Knock Registry shall submit a Do Not Knock Registry request form to the Township Clerk. The form is available in the Office of the Township Clerk and on the Monroe Township website. There shall be no charge for registering.
 - (2) A resident shall remain on the registry until a written request is made to the Township Clerk to have the residence removed from the registry.
 - (3) The list of addresses on the Do Not Knock Registry shall be available at the Township Clerk's office during normal business hours.
 - (4) Any vendor shall be obligated to obtain a current up-to-date copy of the registry. It is, therefore, the obligation of the canvasser, solicitor, peddler, itinerant vendor or door-to-door salesperson to have the most up-to-date list from the registry. The Township Clerk shall provide any person seeking to canvass, solicit, peddle, act as an itinerant vendor or undertake any door-to-door sale with a copy of the current registry.
- B. Exceptions. These provisions shall not be applicable to the delivery or personal solicitation of:
- (1) Mail, parcels or packages by and in accordance with the rules of the United States Postal Service;
 - (2) Parcels, packages and materials delivered by a commercially recognized courier service or overnight express delivery agency, such as, by way of example, Federal Express or United Parcel Service;
 - (3) Newspapers and other publications and periodicals if subscribed to by the owner or occupant of the recipient premises, provided same are placed firmly in a receptacle designed for such purpose, or, in the absence of such receptacle, tightly wrapped to prevent blowing or scattering upon the recipient premises or adjacent areas;

- (4) Delivery of laundry, dry cleaning, dairy, bakery and similar food products and commercial product sampling by agreement with or invitation of the owner or occupant of the recipient premises;
- (5) Personal delivery or drop off of noncommercial handbills of a political, charitable, or religious nature whose distribution is or may be protected by constitutional rights of free speech, provided that same are packaged and placed in such a manner as not to blow and scatter upon the recipient premises or adjacent areas.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.




 MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION March 2, 2020						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin	X		X			
Councilman Dalina			X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Council V. President Schneider		X	X			
Council President Cohen			X			

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on March 2, 2020. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on April 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.



 PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

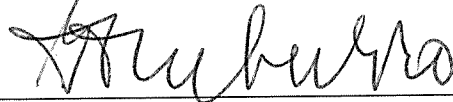
RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – April 6, 2020						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin	X		X			
Councilman Dalina		X	X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
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MAYORAL APPROVAL

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: 4/7/2020