

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-5

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 150 OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”
WITH THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE II ENTITLED “NO-KNOCK
REGISTRY”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 150, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Chesterfield Township Code be amended, revised and/or supplemented with the addition of Article II, No-Knock Registry, which new Article shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 150 Peddling and Soliciting

ARTICLE II. No-Knock Registry

§ 150-18 Registry established; sticker notice for display; fees; violations and penalties.

- 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 canvassing and soliciting are 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 Clerk that canvassing or soliciting are not permitted on their premises. Notification shall be by the completion of a form, available online, at the Township's website or available upon request from the office of the Township Clerk. The premises shall remain on the registry unless the owners or occupants notify 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 premises on the registry shall be deemed a revocation of any privilege or license to enter or attempt to enter the property.
- C. Owners or occupants who have requested to be listed on the no-knock registry pursuant to Subsection A herein shall be able to procure from the Township's Clerk's office a sticker notice for display on the premises indicating the enlistment on the no-knock registry. ~~There shall be a one time, twenty five dollar (\$25.00) fee for registering with the Township Clerk.~~ If any premises is on the No Knock Registry, the owner or occupant shall be obligated to post the sticker for display in a readily observable location near the front door.

- D. The following persons are exempt from compliance with this article:
- (1) Members of religious groups who appear at the premises for those purposes.
 - (2) Political or political action group persons who appear at the premises for those purposes.
 - (3) Annual fundraising events by bona fide tax exempt 501 organizations.
 - (4) Any and all other individuals and/or organizations who are not soliciting for any type of monetary profit.
- E. The Township Clerk shall distribute the current Township no-knock registry to a licensed canvasser or solicitor at the time of issuance of a license.
- F. Although the most current list of registrants on the Township no-knock registry shall be provided by the Township Clerk, it is the responsibility of the canvasser or solicitor to have the most up-to-date list prior to engaging in any canvassing or soliciting.
- G. Any person and or entity 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 the following:
- (1) First offense: a minimum fine of \$100 with a maximum of up to \$500;
 - (2) Subsequent offense: a minimum fine of \$250 with a maximum of up to \$2,000 for each offense, together with community service for a period of up to 90 days; and
 - (3) Any offense: in addition to the above, at the discretion of the Township, a permanent revocation of any license issued under the within article.
- H. The Township shall post notice of how to apply online on the Township webpage and distribute to other media outlets as designated by the Township. The Township shall provide instructions on how to register online to the public and undertake reasonable efforts in education in order to further public awareness of the no-knock registry.
- I. This section does not preclude an owner or occupant from filing any other appropriate complaint with the Municipal Prosecutor, including a complaint for trespass.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. All ordinances or portions of ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be repealed as to their inconsistencies only.
2. If any provision or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the provisions or paragraphs so declared invalid shall

be separable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

- 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Introduced: February 22, 2024
 Adopted: March 14, 2024
 Effective Date: March 20, 2024

Caryn Hoyer, RMC, Township Clerk

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

RECORD OF VOTE 2024-5													
INTRODUCTION							ADOPTION						
TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
Blazic	X					X	Blazic	X				X	
Dhopte	X						Dhopte	X					
Hughes	X						Hughes	X					
Koetas-Dale	X				X		Koetas-Dale	X					X
Litt	X						Litt	X					
X – Indicates Vote NV – Not Voting AB – Absent ORD – Motion SEC - Seconded													