

ORDINANCE O:44-2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
TO AMEND CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING"**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has recommended certain amendments to Chapter 230 of the Code of the Township of Monroe and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to amend this specific section.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe recognizes the rights of its residents to enjoy privacy within their own homes; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Township Council that peddlers, solicitors, and various sales enterprises have sometimes disrupted this privacy; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes it would be beneficial to the residents of the Township of Monroe to create a "Do Not Knock Registry" for residents who do not want peddlers and solicitors to conduct activities at their homes or premises; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a registry will legally restrict peddling and soliciting within the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended to include the amendments herein.

SECTION I. Chapter 230, entitled "Peddling and Soliciting" is hereby amended as follows:

§230-16 Do Not Knock Registry.

A. Establishment of the Registry.

The Monroe Township Police Department shall maintain a record of addresses for those properties where either the owner or the occupant has formally indicated that peddling, soliciting, canvassing, itinerant vending, and door-to-door sales activities are prohibited (hereinafter referred to as the "Do Not Knock Registry"). Residents may notify the Monroe Township Police Department by completing a designated form, available during standard office hours. This Registry shall be continually updated by the Monroe Township Police Department.

B. Display of Do Not Knock Registry Affiliation.

Any resident who has formally requested inclusion on the Do Not Knock Registry may procure, for a nominal administrative fee, a decal or sticker from the Monroe Township Police Department. This decal is to be prominently displayed at their property, serving as a visible indication of their enlistment on the Do Not Knock Registry.

C. Dissemination to License Holders.

At the point of license issuance for peddling, soliciting, canvassing, itinerant vending, or door-to-door sales, the Monroe Township Police Department shall provide the licensee with the most up-to-date version of the Do Not Knock Registry. It shall be unlawful for the licensee to engage in any of the aforementioned activities at any address listed on the current Do Not Knock Registry.

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D. Penalties for Violations.

Any individual or entity, including but not limited to canvassers, peddlers, solicitors, and itinerant vendors, found in violation of any component of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

- (1) A maximum fine of \$1,000 per distinct offense;**
- (2) Revocation of any license granted under this chapter for a period of one calendar year from the date of the violation;**
- (3) Ineligibility for a new license under this chapter for a concurrent period of one calendar year from the date of the aforementioned revocation.**

SECTION II. All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III. If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision in this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES., CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 13th day of November, 2023, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to be held on 27th day of November, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

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ROLL CALL VOTE

1st Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

2nd Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE