

**ORDINANCE O:12-2024**

**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 a certain amendment 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, 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:

§ 230-5 Investigation of applicant.

A. When the application is properly filled out and signed by the applicant, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or his designee to investigate and verify the statements made therein. ~~A criminal background check report~~ **The fingerprint portion of a criminal background investigation will be** completed by a state contract approved vendor **and** shall be submitted to the Chief of Police **or his designee**. Within five business days upon receipt of the **complete** criminal background ~~check~~ **investigation**, the Chief **or his designee** shall indicate approval or disapproval in writing upon the application to the Office of Emergency Management. The Chief of Police **or his designee** may, upon review of the application, refuse to issue a permit to the applicant for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The location and time of the activities described in the application would endanger the safety and welfare of the applicant, its customers, or the citizens of the Township;
- (2) The applicant has previously violated a peddling or soliciting ordinance;
- (3) The applicant has a record of breaches of solicited contracts;
- (4) Other concrete evidence of bad character;
- (5) An investigation reveals that the applicant falsified information on the application;
- (6) The applicant has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or ordinance violation involving a sex offense, trafficking in controlled substances, or any violent acts against persons or property; or
- (7) The applicant is a person against whom a judgment based upon, or conviction for, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation has been entered within the five years immediately preceding the date of application.

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§ 230-28 Investigation of applicant; hearing

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**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.

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**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

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**CNCL. PRES., CHELSEA VALCOURT**

**ATTEST:**

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 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.

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**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC  
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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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<b>Tally:</b>				

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE**