



REGULATIONS AFFECTING FAIRLAWN RESIDENTS FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS

Due to recent changes, the City of Fairlawn must allow both commercial and non-commercial entities to perform door-to-door solicitations in our community. Previously, the City did not allow commercial entities to solicit in residential neighborhoods.

DEFINITIONS

“Commercial solicitation” and **“commercial solicitor”** means any person who calls at residences without an invitation or previous consent of the owner or occupant of such premises for the purpose of any one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, investments or products or services of any kind, character or description whatever for either present or future delivery;
- (2) Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and every other kind or type of publication;
- (3) Seeking to sell any goods, articles or services of any kind;

“Non-commercial solicitation” and **“non-commercial solicitor”** means:

- (1) Seeking to obtain from an occupant of any residence an indication of such occupant’s belief and/or support in regard to any social, political or religious matters;
- (2) Seeking to obtain contributions or purchase of any goods, articles or services of any kind for the support or benefit of any educational, civic, philanthropic, charitable, religious or non-profit association, organization, corporation or project;
- (3) Seeking to influence the personal belief of the occupant of any residence in regard to any social, political or religious matter; or
- (4) Taking a poll or census by any person, firm or corporation, pursuant to a federal, state or local government statute or ordinance.

FAIRLAWN REGULATIONS

- All door-to-door solicitors (both commercial and non-commercial) must perform solicitations **ONLY** between the hours of **9:00am and sunset, Monday through Saturday**. Solicitation is prohibited on state and national holidays and Sundays. Non-commercial solicitors may solicit on Sundays.
- Commercial solicitors must file application for and obtain a permit from the Police Department
- All commercial solicitors may not commence solicitation without first receiving a permit and credentials.
- All commercial solicitors must carry the credentials at all times while soliciting, and must produce the credentials for inspection upon request by the resident.
- Non-commercial solicitors need not apply for, carry or display a permit.

NOTICE PROHIBITING SOLICITATION

Residents who do not desire any door-to-door solicitations are encouraged to post a sign near the main entrance of their residence that says, “NO SOLICITORS INVITED”. Solicitors are prohibited from soliciting at residences that bear the “NO SOLICITORS INVITED” sign. You may use your own sign or use the sign provided below. Letters on your sign must be at least 1 inch in height and sign must be not less than three (3) inches by six (6) inches in size nor more than one square foot in total surface area.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding regulations for door-to-door solicitations or wish to register by phone, please contact the **City of Fairlawn Police Department at 330.670.4300**.