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From: Janellen Valle

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 12:05 PM

To:

Subject: RE: Soliciting in Marlborough

I know we have had some changes as of late in the way and manner in which "solicitors" are allowed to operate.

Someone passing out handbills in a neighborhood must have what's called a peddler's permit, clearly displayed with their name that is approved by the city. It is good for passing out flyers in the neighborhoods only from what I am told. I know we are starting to keep track of the peddler/solicitor contacts we make since the city has been looking at possibly making certain areas and possibly the entire city a "no solicitation zone". That would mean charitable groups only would be allowed to solicit probably once or twice a year...I'm not sure what the limit is. They have exceptions for the "no solicitation" rules in order to allow for SAFD, Shriners, etc. to continue to work the intersections once a year.

When it comes to solicitation at your house, yes, if you have a sign saying "no solicitation" and they attempt to solicit you on your property it is a violation. I can probably dig up a copy of the ordinance to send to everyone if you like, it's pretty dry reading as most laws are.....

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From: Kay Cote

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:16 AM

To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Soliciting in Marlborough

Neighbors:

I just spoke with a Code Compliance Officer for clarification on the solicitation issue. IF you have a posted "No Soliciting" sign posted in view on your property, a solicitor is not to approach you. A 'No Solicitation' sign in the neighborhood is not enforceable. The sign must be on individual property

Solicitation is not against the law in open, non gated neighborhoods.

SAFFE Officer, would you please clarify from the SAPD perspective.

Respectively,

Kay Cote

Constituent Services

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San Antonio, Texas 78230

210-207-0943, Office

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From: Janellen Valle

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 12:10 PM

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Here is the current law on solicitation. If you have the sign and they still solicit, it's a violation. Either way, if they don't have a permit, it's a violation...

Sec. 21-3. - Advertising on public or private property.

(a)

It shall be unlawful for any person to paint, print, stamp or indent letters, words or figures, on any fence, tree, post, building, wall, sidewalk or bridge in this city, or to post bills on any fence, building, walk, sidewalk or bridge, in this city, without having first obtained the consent of the parties owning or controlling the same.

(b)

It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or cause to be distributed, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered or cast any handbill upon any private property if requested by anyone thereon not to do so, or if there is placed on such premises in a conspicuous place upon or near the main entrance to the premises, a weatherproof card, not less than three (3) inches by four (4) inches in size bearing the words "no solicitation," "no advertisements," "no handbills," or any similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of such premises do not desire to have any such handbills left upon their premises. The letters on such cards shall be not less than two-thirds (2/3) of an inch in height.

(c)

This section does not apply to any department, branch or agency of federal, state, or municipal government and any religious, political or charitable handbills.

5020 Prue Rd
San Antonio Police Dept.
210 207-5828

From: TT

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:21 AM

Subject: RE: Soliciting in Marlborough

Good reference below from RB.

The definition of 'Peddler' would seem to cover this situation and hence the person would need a City license according to the Code on Municode:

Definition – "Peddler shall include the term "hawker" and shall mean any person who makes retail sales of tangible property from house to house or in any public place, and such sales are not made from an established place and delivery is made at the time of sale, whether or not payment is collected at the time of such sale."

On a side note - Peddling, solicitation from street islands is prohibited too, but doesn't seem to be enforced:

"Sec. 16-235. - Use of traffic islands, medians, etc., for storage or sale of tangible property prohibited. No person shall store or keep or offer for sale any tangible property on any traffic island, median or other traffic control device located within the corporate limits of the city."

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From: RB

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 10:58 AM

Subject: Re: Soliciting in Marlborough

Here is a link to the City of San Antonio Code Compliance Page regarding Vendors, Solicitation. The code, according to this site has yet to be codified. I would call the City of San Antonio to confirm and get additional/ detailed information as trying to figure it out on the website is confusing. Thanks!
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/ces/Vendors.aspx>

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On Mon, May 23, 2011 at 10:44 AM, TT wrote:

I don't have an encyclopedic memory of City ordinances, but I don't recall that soliciting as in fact not permitted. (But City Council did band door tags recently, as I recall.)

Anyone know the references?

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From: ET

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 10:05 AM

Subject: Soliciting in Marlborough

Monday 9:45 AM

Two solicitors are knocking at doors ([Deleted]; both males, middle aged)

I told them that soliciting is not permitted and we'll call 911. But they kept doing.