

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #403-17**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NO-KNOCK REGISTRY AND SUPPLEMENTING
AND AMENDING SECTION 4-3 ENTITLED “CANVASSERS, SOLICITORS AND
PEDDLERS” IN CHAPTER IV OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING”**

WHEREAS, residents have complained about being disturbed by canvassers after dark;
and

WHEREAS, various court cases, including *New Jersey Citizen Action v. Edison Township*, 797 F. 2d 1250 (3d Cir., 1986), have held that restricting canvassers’ right to conduct door-to-door canvassing before 9:00 p.m. is unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to adopt a no-knock registry ordinance to protect those residents who do not want to be disturbed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Section 4-3 entitled “Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers” in Chapter IV of the Township Code entitled “General Licensing” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby added a new section 4-3.3 entitled “Do Not Knock Registry” which reads as follows:

4-3.3 Do Not Knock Registry

A. All residents of the Township of Long Hill may register their address with the Police Department to be placed on the Do Not Knock Registry, indicating that they do not want peddling, itinerant vending and door-to-door sales enterprises to approach their homes on their premises. Registration shall be by completion of a form made available by the Police Department's office.

B. Residents shall remain on the Do Not Knock Registry until such time as they advise the Police Department in writing that they wish to be removed from the list.

C. Any resident registered on the Do Not Knock Registry, pursuant to Subsection A herein, shall be able to procure from the Police Department a sticker for display at the residence indicating enlistment on the Long Hill Township Do Not Knock Registry. The first sticker shall be provided free of charge and may be picked up in person during regular business hours. If a replacement sticker is required, the individual may pick up a replacement at the Police Department at no charge. A fee for processing and mailing will be applied for any individual who desires to have the sticker mailed to him or her, which shall be payable to the Police Department. The sticker must be displayed in a clearly visible location.

D. The Police Department shall maintain the Do Not Knock Registry and allow inspection of the addresses on the registry to all persons or entities required to obtain a permit under Township Code Section 4-3.1.

E. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity required to obtain a permit pursuant to Township Code Section 4-3.1 to enter the approach and/or seek contact from a residence registered on the Do Not Knock Registry.

Section 2. The existing subsection 4-3.3 entitled “Violations and Penalties” is hereby renumbered subsection 4-3.4.

Section 3. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 4. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR, Clerk

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