AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER 132 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, ARTICLE II SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS, SECTIONS §132-13; §132-14; §132-14.1; §132-15; §132-17 AND §132-18

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Mount Arlington reviewed the suggestions of the Borough Code Committee and desires to amend and supplement Borough Code Chapter 132 Peddling and Soliciting, Article II Solicitors and Canvassers, Sections §132-13; §132-14; §132-14.1; §132-15; §132-17 and §132-18 to amend typographical errors; clarify who is a solicitor and canvasser; set forth that both commercial and non-commercial solicitors and canvassers are required to respect the No Solicitation List maintained by the Borough.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Mount Arlington encourages the dissemination of all information and ideas but expresses its interest in protecting the well-being, tranquility and privacy of the home and the safety of the solicitor, canvasser and resident.

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, and the State of New Jersey, that the Borough Code Chapter 132 Peddling and Soliciting, Article II Solicitors and Canvassers, Sections §132-13; §132-14; §132-14.1; §132-15; §132-17 and §132-18 is hereby amended and supplemented to read in its entirety as follows:

# ARTICLE II Solicitors and Canvassers [Adopted as Section 4-2 of the 1982 Compilation]

## § 132-13. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SOLICITOR - A person, also known as a "canvasser," whether a resident of the Borough or not, traveling either by foot, automobile, motor truck or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street, to take or attempt to take orders for sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not the individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of the sale and whether or not he accepts an advance payment for the goods. Any person taking a poll or a survey from house to house or on the streets; or distributing advertisements, handbills, pamphlets, or literature is included.

# § 132-14. License required; application.

No solicitor or canvasser shall engage in such business within the Borough without first obtaining a license issued by the Borough Clerk after authorization by the Council. Application for such license shall be made on forms provided by the Clerk and shall contain the applicant's full name and address, age, height, weight, place of birth, whether married or single, length and place of residence, whether or not previously arrested or

convicted of crime, by whom employed, address of employer and a description of the project for which he is canvassing.

# § 132-14.1. No Solicitation List. [Added 4-10-2006 by Ord. No. 12-06]

The Borough Clerk shall maintain a list of all property owners who have notified the Borough that they do not wish for any solicitor or canvasser to enter upon their property for solicitation or canvassing purposes whether for commercial or non-commercial purposes. This No Solicitation List will be provided by the Borough to all licensees and non-commercial purposes whether or not a license is required. No solicitor or canvasser shall enter upon any private property that is included upon the No Solicitation List. Violators of this section will be subject to fine and/or suspension or revocation of the license granted under this Article II and those organizations exempt from acquiring a license will be solely subject to a fine.

# § 132-15. Exceptions.

This Article shall not apply to any person who has obtained a charitable solicitor's permit in accordance with Article III of this chapter, nor shall it apply to any person distributing literature or handbills on behalf of a candidate for public office or a religious organization. However, any person who qualifies as an exception shall obtain a free copy of the No Solicitation List from the Borough and no solicitor or canvasser shall enter upon any private property that is included upon the No Solicitation List.

#### § 132-16. Fees.<sup>1</sup>

The fee for a solicitor's or canvasser's license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

# § 132-17. Badges.

The Borough Clerk shall issue to each licensee at the time of delivery of the license a badge on which shall appear the words "Licensed Solicitor," the period for which the license is issued and the number of the license, in letters and figures easily discernible from a distance of ten (10) feet. During the time the licensee is engaged in soliciting, the licensee's badge shall be worn constantly and conspicuously on the front of the licensee's outer garment.

## § 132-18. Time restrictions.

No soliciting or canvassing activities shall be conducted before 9:00 A.M. or later than 5:00 p.m., nor on Sundays or holidays.

#### § 132-19. Suspension or revocation of license.4

Any license granted under the provisions of this Article may be suspended or revoked by the Mayor upon satisfactory cause shown, and during the suspension of such license the same shall be inoperative and void. Any suspension or revocation is subject to the approval of the Borough Council.

# § 132-20. Violations and penalties. [Amended 7-8-02 by Ord. No. 02-23]

Any person violating any part of this Article, shall upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty provided by Chapter 1, Article III.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 3.** If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase, or sentence is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed separable.

**SECTION 4**. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final publication as provided by law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, adopted on October 1, 2013 and will be further considered after a Public Hearing held on November 14, 2013 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

INTRODUCED: 10/01/13

PUBLISHED: ATTEST: BOROUGH OF MOUNT ALRINGTON

COUNTY OF MORRIS --STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Linda DeSantis, RMC, Borough Clerk

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