



City of Malden
Police Department

Do Not Knock Registry

Suggested Ordinance Language

Amend 6.020.010 A. Definition:

Commercial Canvasser or **Solicitor**: Any individual, whether a resident of the city 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, being paid whether by salary, commission or ownership stake, that promotes, takes, or attempts to take orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery or for services, including home improvements, to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale, or whether or not such person is collecting advance payments on such sales

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Current Ordinance: 6.20.010 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR COMMERCIAL CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS

Suggest adding the following language to SUBSECTION B:

3. Do Not Knock Registry

- The Police Department shall prepare a list of addresses of those premises where the owner and/or occupant has notified the Chief of Police, or his designee, they have prohibited the work of commercial canvassers or solicitors, (hereinafter referred to as the "Do Not Knock Registry") by posting a sign at the public entry of such property that "Commercial Canvassers and Solicitors Prohibited". Notification shall be by completion of a form available at the Police Department including a photo of the posted sign at the public entry.
- The Chief of Police or designee shall distribute the current Do Not Knock Registry to a person or entity licensed under this section at the time of issuance of the license. The licensee shall not commercially canvas or solicit at any premises identified on the then current Do Not Knock Registry.
- Any commercial canvasser or solicitor, as well as the owner, business or enterprise paying such person or benefitting from their activities who violates any provision of this section shall be:
 - Subject to an ordinance violation fine of \$300.00 per offense and/or
 - Subject to a one-year revocation of any permit issued pursuant to the within article.

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Process for Residents to Make Application

The Police Department will create an application form (see attached) that will be made available 24/7 to residents via:

- The Police Department website (via an online submission as well as a printable form that can be mailed)
- In-Person pickup at Police Headquarters

As applications are received, a designated member of the Police Department will, in a timely manner, add the requestor's name and address to the Do Not Knock Registry database maintained by the Police Department.

The database (address only) will be posted on the Police Department's website and will be updated each time a new application is received. Anyone issued a permit under 6.20.010 will be notified by the City Clerk's Office at the time of permit issuance that they must consult the database each day they are to canvass/solicit so as to identify which residences are currently in the database.

The application will expire one year from the date of application, requiring residents to renew their application annually.

Advertisement

The Do Not Knock Registry will be advertised to the City's residents by way of:

- Police Department social media
- Police Department website
- Any other means deemed appropriate