

“NO KNOCK” ORDINANCE INFORMATION

On October 6, 2005, Shelby Township’s “No Knock” ordinance amendment will be effective, which permits township residents to add their names to a No Soliciting list. This action will restrict certain hawkers, vendors, peddlers and solicitors from door-to-door sales at the homes of our residents. The list will then be provided to any Michigan-based door-to-door sales people when they apply to the township for a license to solicit.

We will be providing stickers for your door as a reminder to solicitors that you prefer them not to knock. The stickers are available at the Clerk’s office, and have been generously donated by the Township Attorneys, Kirk and Huth, P.C.

It is important for you to remember that not all solicitors are subject to this ordinance amendment. Examples of those exempted include out-of-state vendors, scout troops, religious groups, and some charitable organizations and political groups protected by the U.S. Constitution. However, when they contact the Clerk’s Office to advise us of their intended activities, we will provide them with a copy of the No Solicitor list. It will then be up to the groups whether or not they wish to visit those addresses where they may not be well received.

If your address is listed on our No Solicitor list, and you are visited by someone who is not an out-of-state vendor or advancing a religious, charitable or political cause, you may call our Police Department to report the incident. An available officer will investigate, advise and if necessary, issue a ticket. Please remember that this is not a life of death situation, so if an officer cannot immediately respond please be patient.

Should you decide to remove your name from the list, you must contact the Clerk’s Office, in writing.

In order to for your address to be included on this list, please call the Clerk’s Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to leave your name, address and telephone number. The phone number is 586-731-5102. You may also stop in at the Clerk’s Office in the upper level of the Municipal Building during normal business hours, and we will be happy to take your information at that time.

Terri Kowal, CMC
Township Clerk

