

ORDINANCE NO. 24- _____

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-12-1-1213, DIVISION 7-12-1, ARTICLE 7-12; CHAPTER 7, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015; BY ADDING THE LANGUAGE THAT IF A NO SOLICITING SIGN IS LOCATED ON A PROPERTY THAN IT WILL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY DOOR-TO-DOOR VENDOR TO ATTEMPT TO SOLICIT AT THAT PROPERTY AND PLACING AN ENFORCEMENT FOR VIOLATING THE NO SOLICITATION CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that:

Section 1. Section 7-12-1-1213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7-12-1-1213 Prohibited acts.

- A. It is unlawful for any door-to-door vendor or peddler to engage in business or activity for an unlawful business or organizational purpose or activity.
- B. It is unlawful for any door-to-door vendor or peddler to practice harassment, nuisance, theft, deceit or menacing, undue coercion, troublesome or otherwise unlawful activities during the course of such business or activities.
- C. It is unlawful for any door-to-door vendor or peddler to engage in solicitation at any residence or place of business, if said residence or place of business has a “no soliciting” or similar sign visibly posted on their property.
- D. More than ten (10) complaints received from citizens within a thirty (30) calendar day time frame of violating this Section for any one door-to-door vendor or peddler business may result in the suspension or revocation of the door-to-door vendor or peddler permit. The suspension or revocation shall be done in accordance with Section 7-1-1-112 of Lawton City Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty days after passing of the ordinance.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this 5th day of November, 2024.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOHN ANDREW, CITY ATTORNEY

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BRIEF GIST

This ordinance will add the language that if a property has a no soliciting sign or a similar sign, then it shall be unlawful for the door-to-door vendor to solicit at the property and also includes an enforcement piece that may include suspension or revocation of the door-to-door vendor or peddler permit if the City receives 10 or more complaints for any one company during a 30 calendar day time frame.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this 5th day of November, 2024.

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