

FREEPORT BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. 419

AN ORDINANCE OF FREEPORT BOROUGH, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION FOR ANY REASON, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Freeport Borough seeks to promote the safety, privacy, and general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, door-to-door solicitation has resulted in numerous complaints from residents regarding privacy concerns, public nuisance, and potential fraudulent or deceptive practices; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds it in the best interest of its residents to prohibit door-to-door solicitation in order to maintain a peaceful and secure community environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Freeport Borough Council as follows:

SECTION 1: PROHIBITION OF DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or organization to engage in door-to-door solicitation within the Freeport Borough, including but not limited to:

- (a) The selling, offering for sale, or promoting any goods, wares, merchandise, books, periodicals, services, or subscriptions;
- (b) Soliciting funds, donations, or contributions for any cause, whether for-profit, non-profit, charitable, or religious purposes;
- (c) Distributing handbills, flyers, pamphlets, or other promotional materials at residences without the express permission of the occupant.

SECTION 2: EXCEPTIONS

The following activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

- (a) Governmental agencies and public safety officials acting in their official capacities;
- (b) Non-commercial neighborhood canvassing for political, educational, or public awareness purposes, provided no solicitation of funds occurs;
- (c) Individuals with prior, written, and express invitation from the occupant of the residence.

SECTION 3: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- (a) Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$300 and not more than \$1,000 for each offense;
- (b) Repeat offenses may result in increased penalties and potential legal action;
- (c) Law enforcement officers and designated Borough officials shall have the authority to enforce this ordinance.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENTS

The Freeport Borough reserves the right, from time to time, to adopt by resolution of the Borough Council modifications of, supplements to, or amendments to the Door-to-door soliciting ordinance.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

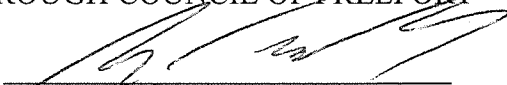
If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

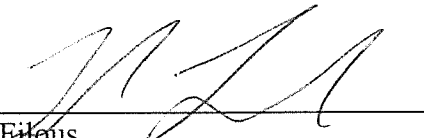
SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

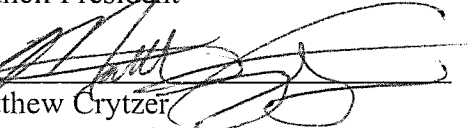
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment and adoption by the Freeport Borough Council.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13 day of May, 2025, by the Freeport Borough Council.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF FREEPORT

By: 
 Rick Fennell
 Council President

Attest: 
 Zachary Eileus
 Borough Manager

By: 
 Matthew Crytzer
 Mayor, Borough of Freeport