

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST VINCENT
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 228-2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST VINCENT
AS TO PEDDLING AND SOLICITING REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, from time to time, revisions to the Code of the Township of West Vincent are required to aid the Township in its efforts to advance the overall public health, safety, and general welfare of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

SECTION I

A. The Code of the Township of West Vincent, Chapter 239, Peddling and Soliciting, shall be revised to as follows:

1. §239-2, Permit required, shall be revised to read:

No person shall engage in soliciting or peddling in the Township of West Vincent without first obtaining a solicitation permit from the Zoning Officer, or from his or her designee.

2. §239-3, Application procedure, shall be revised to read:

Every person desiring to engage in soliciting or peddling in the Township of West Vincent shall obtain a Pennsylvania Criminal History Background Check, and shall submit this with the license application for a solicitation permit. The Pennsylvania Criminal History Background Check shall be dated not more than seven (7) days prior to the date the license application is submitted to the Township. A copy of the applicant's driver's license, or other form of valid photo identification that is acceptable to the Zoning Officer, shall also accompany the license application. If the applicant is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a criminal background check from the applicant's state or country of residence shall accompany the license application, and this criminal background check shall be dated not more than seven (7) days prior to the date the license application is submitted to the Township. Any required fee shall also accompany the license application.

3. §239-4, License application, Subsection F, shall be deleted.
4. §239-4, License application, Subsection I, shall be deleted.
5. §239-5, Issuance of permits, shall be revised to read:

Within fourteen (14) days after registering and successfully meeting all application requirements, each solicitor or peddler shall be issued a permit. Unless he or she has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, theft or other crime betraying public trust, the solicitor shall be permitted to solicit or peddle within the Township for the permitted period beginning on the date such permit is issued. Said permit period shall end

on the expiration date thereof, not more than 30 days after issuance. Such permit shall not be transferable and shall be worn upon his or her person in plain view.

6. §239-8, Hours solicitation prohibited, shall be revised to read:

No person shall engage in soliciting or peddling on (a) Sundays and holidays before noon or after 5:00 p.m., (b) Saturday before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., and, (c) or upon any other day of the week before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m., except upon an invitation from, or an appointment with, the resident.

7. §239-12, Record and supervision of peddling activities; do-not-knock regulations, Subsection B, shall be revised to read:

The Zoning Officer shall keep a record of all registrations made under this chapter, supervise the activities of all holders of such permits, maintain and annually update a list of Township residents who do not wish to have any person, firm, corporation, or association sell or offer for sale any goods, commodity, or services at their place of residence at any time.

8. §239-12, Record and supervision of peddling activities; do-not-knock regulations, Subsection C, shall be revised to read:

The Zoning Officer shall promulgate regulations for the management of the do-not-knock list, the distribution of the do-not-knock list to permittees; notice and access of the do-not-knock regulations on the Township website; and enforcement procedures for violations of the do-not-knock regulations.

9. §239-13, Exemption and interpretation, Subsection B, shall be revised to read:

Nevertheless, the Zoning Officer shall make the determination as to whether an applicant falls within any of the specified exemptions set forth in Subsection A above.

10. §239-14 shall be retitled to "Revocation of permit."

11. §239-14, Revocation of permit, shall be revised to read:

Any permit hereinafter issued may be revoked by the Zoning Officer upon the failure of the permittee to comply with the standards of conduct established in §239-1 through §239-12 of this chapter, or upon ascertainment that the permittee has made any false statements in the application for permit hereunder, or upon such permittee being arrested and convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

SECTION II

- A. In the event that any section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any competent court to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance. The invalidity of section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid section, clause, sentence, or provision not been included therein.

- B. To the extent this Ordinance is inconsistent with the Code of the Township of West Vincent, the provisions of this Ordinance shall take precedence. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- C. The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.
- D. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of West Vincent Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania on this 20th day of July, 2026.

FOR WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Dana Alan, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Tommy Ryan, Township Manager