

Incorporated Village of Garden City
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Garden City, New York 11530
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**NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO NON-COMMERCIAL
SOLICITATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

To the Village Clerk:

Please be advised that pursuant to Village Ordinance 6.3 as last amended by Local Law No. 1-1982, I want to deny entry upon my premises as follows:

(check one)

- For all non-commercial solicitations and distributions except by a person who, (A) has been a bona fide resident of the Village for a period of at least six (6) consecutive months prior thereto, and/or (B) is soliciting or distributing on behalf of a church, charitable organization or public institution of which the solicitor or distributor is a member and which has had a place of worship or office in the Village for a period of at least six (6) consecutive months prior thereto.
- For all non-commercial solicitations and distributions.
- For all non-commercial solicitations and distributions by the following churches, charitable organizations or public institutions:

I understand that I may withdraw or modify this notice at any time upon written notification to the Village Clerk.

Name

Address

Date

LAW PASSED TO LIMIT DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING

SOLICITORS MUST BE LICENSED

Local Law 1-1982, which was passed by your Village Board of Trustees, prohibits all unwanted commercial solicitations and distributions on all private residential property in the Village of Garden City; and further prohibits non-commercial solicitations and distributions on private property to the extent desired by the resident.

The Law was designed to protect residents from unwanted invasions of the privacy of their homes. Concerns from residents regarding the nuisance caused by door-to-door solicitations prompted its passage. It also reflects concerns that burglaries have taken place by thieves posing as salesmen to gain entry or to learn if occupants are at home.

This Law replaces a previous law that prohibited all solicitations and distributions on private residential property. That law, which was regarded favorably by residents and previously approved by the Courts, was declared unconstitutional by the Federal District Court. That decision prohibited Garden City and some other Nassau County villages from banning all house-to-house non-commercial solicitations.

YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF

This new Local Law puts the burden on *you*. If you do not wish to be visited by solicitors, *you* must file an objection to that effect. (More on that later.)

If you file, the new Local Law bans the following types of non-commercial solicitations without the previous consent of the resident.

- (1) Soliciting alms, subscriptions or contributions.
- (2) Distributing handbills, tracts, notices, advertising and similar materials.
- (3) Selling tickets or chances.
- (4) Distributing campaign literature.
- (5) Soliciting signatures on petitions.

Remember, none of the above practices are permitted on any private, residential property in your Village...**BUT**, only at **your** request.

You must file a NOTICE OF OBJECTION with your Village Clerk, objecting to any or all of such solicitations or distributions.

Applications to solicit for *any* cause must be made to the Mayor in writing, before soliciting is permitted anywhere in this Village: (1) on streets, (2) in offices or business buildings, (3) house-to-house canvasses, (4) in any public places. Applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office.

Following an investigation of the person and organization, a license to solicit may be granted. Certain reasonable restrictions may be placed on a license. They include: (1) hours of solicitation, (2) the number of solicitors, (3) the locality and period of time for which permission is granted. All persons soliciting donations are required to carry identification cards.

Provisions of this Local Law do not apply to solicitations by duly organized religious groups, lodges, benevolent or fraternal orders or political organizations at their regular places of worship or meeting.

SIGN AND RETURN YOUR NOTICE OF OBJECTION

If you wish to limit the nuisance of non-commercial door-to-door canvassing, you must *complete, sign and file* the notice at the Village Clerk's Office in Village Hall. It may be changed or withdrawn at any time simply by written notification.

Under this Law, you have *three* choices.

If you check the *first* choice, it will permit those organizations which have an office or house of worship in your Village to continue to call on you, such as: local churches, Boy/Girl Scouts and charitable organizations.

If you check the second box, **NO** solicitation of *any kind* would be permitted at your home.

Under the *third* choice, *you* must list the specific churches, charitable organizations and public institutions whose solicitors you do not want at your door.

MAKE SURE THE VILLAGE CLERK RECEIVES YOUR NOTICE.

IN SUMMARY, invasions of your privacy can be limited *only* if you file the notice. Return NOTICE to Village Clerk, Incorporated Village of Garden City, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530.