

## SOLICITING

### Local Law #3 of 2018

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, in the County of Allegany, as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Definitions.

The following terms in this Local Law shall have the following meanings:

SOLICITOR – Any person who solicits contributions of goods or money by going house to house, place of business to place of business.

#### SECTION 2. Limitations on residential soliciting.

It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon residential property within the Village of Wellsville to solicit funds from Village residents by knocking upon residential doors or by ringing doorbells so as to cause, or attempt to cause, residents to open their doors.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Persons expressly invited by the person solicited.
- B. Students (public, parochial or private) soliciting in connection with authorized school activities.
- C. Members of Veterans organizations, fraternal organization or civic groups which maintain a chapter, post or lodge within the limits of the Village of Wellsville.
- D. Solicitors on behalf of traditionally recognized charitable groups such as churches, the United Way, Disabled Veterans (poppy sales) and health-related organizations such as the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

#### SECTION 3. Additional Notes for Soliciting on business premises.

Solicitation of funds for charitable, religious or nonprofit causes shall be permitted at any business establishment and upon any business property, such as shopping center parking lots, during normal business hours. In the event that the owner, manager or other person, firm or corporation in charge of any such business establishment or business property objects to such solicitations, then, and in that event, the solicitor shall forthwith cease and desist such solicitation at such business establishment. In the event that such solicitor fails, neglects or refuses to cease and desist such solicitation at such business establishment, after having been requested to do so, such solicitor shall be considered as a trespasser.

#### SECTION 4. Penalties for offenses.

Any person violating any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a violation pursuant to the Penal Law of the State of New York, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The continuation of an offense against the provisions of this Article shall constitute, for each day the offense is continued, a separate and distinct offense hereunder.