

**§ 118-1. Peddling or soliciting without invitation.**

Going in and upon private residences in the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania, by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise and persons of similar occupations, not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of said private residences, for the purpose of selling or soliciting orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, books, newspapers, foodstuffs or services of any kind or disposing of or peddling or hawking the same is declared to be a nuisance and punishable as such nuisance as a summary offense, except as provided in § 118-3.

**§ 118-2. Enforcement.**

The police of the Township of Abington are hereby required and directed to suppress and to abate any such nuisance as is described in §§ 118-1, 118-3 and 118-4.

**§ 118-3. Solicitation permit; time limit; nuisance.**

- A. Any persons, company, corporation or organization desirous of going from residence to residence in the Township of Abington to obtain donations of funds or goods for any charitable, religious, political or nonprofit organization or to seek orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, books, magazines, newspapers, foodstuffs or services of any kind for any charitable, religious, political or nonprofit organization or to distribute any kind of publication for a charitable, religious, political or nonprofit organization or to conduct a survey for any charitable, religious, political or nonprofit organization shall first register with the Police Department of the Township of Abington and apply for and obtain a solicitation permit from the Township of Abington.

(1) Permits shall expire on the 30th day from the date of issuance

(2) A Permit may be renewed for successive thirty-day intervals by the applicant sending a request in writing to the Police Department within 10 days prior to the expiration date.

- B. In no event shall solicitation of any kind be conducted before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. [Amended 8-10-1989 by Ord. No. 1662]
- C. Solicitation, as set forth in this section, conducted without evidence of a permit or conducted prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. is hereby declared to be a nuisance. [Amended 8-10-1989 by Ord. No. 1662]

**§ 118-4. Solicitation prohibited.**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance punishable as a summary offense for any person, company, corporation or organization to enter upon the premises of a private residence at any time of the day or night for the purpose of conducting any form of soliciting where the owner or occupant of the residence has posted a "No Trespassing" sign or a "No Soliciting" sign.

**§ 118-5. Violations and penalties.**

Any person, company, corporation or organization violating any of the provisions of this article, upon summary conviction before a District Justice, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$600 and, in default of payment thereof, shall be sentenced to the county jail for a period not exceeding 10 days.