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## Frequently Asked Questions about the “Do Not Knock” Registry

### **What is the “Do Not Knock” Registry?**

The “Do Not Knock” Registry is a list of residences and businesses at which door-to-door commercial solicitation - an offer to sell or buy goods or property - is prohibited.

### **How can I sign up for the “Do Not Knock” Registry?**

The best way to sign up is to stop by the Village Clerk’s office located at 130 Samsondale Avenue, West Haverstraw, and put your address on the list. You’ll also receive a decal to display by your door, alerting solicitors that your home or business is on the “Do Not Knock” Registry. If you can’t make it to Village Hall during regular business hours, we do offer evening hours on the first and second \_\_\_\_\_ of the month, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm or by calling the Clerk’s office at (845) 947-2800.

### **If I sign up for the Registry, will the Village give out my name to solicitors?**

No. The solicitors receive a list of addresses they are prohibited from approaching.

### **What should I do if a solicitor knocks on my door after I sign up for the “Do Not Knock” Registry?**

Call the Village Clerk’s Office at (845) 947-2800 to report the incident and include as many details about the solicitation as possible.

### **What are the penalties if the law is violated?**

Violators will face steep fines: Up to \$1,500 for a first offense, up to \$3,500 for a second offense within 24 months, and up to a \$10,000 fine or 30 days in jail for a third offense within the same time period. Violators will also have their solicitation permit revoked.

### **Will this keep everyone from knocking on my door?**

No. Local charitable groups and political candidates and other non-commercial entities have never required a permit to go door-to-door, and are not impacted by this law. Only commercial, for-profit solicitors are impacted. If you didn’t need a permit before, you aren’t impacted by this law.

### **What if I don’t want to be on the “Do Not Knock” Registry?**

The “Do Not Knock” Registry is entirely voluntary. If you choose not to sign up for the Registry you will be unaffected by this law.

### **Who do I contact with additional questions about this law?**

Contact the Village Clerk’s Office at (845) 947-2800.