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## Who is a Solicitor?

### Definitions

- Anyone who goes to a private residence or business without being invited for the purpose of taking orders for the sale of goods, merchandise, or services.

*(LMC Section 4-402)*

### What are the penalties for soliciting without a permit?

- The first offense is a citation.
- The second offense is a misdemeanor.
- If a person knocks where a No Solicitor sign is posted, they lose their permit.

*(LMC 4-413)*

### What are residents' responsibilities?

- Never open your door to strangers.
- If you encounter a solicitor at your door without a permit, call 925-284-5010 24 hour police dispatch.
- If a solicitor knocks where a No Solicitor sign is posted, call 925-284-5010.

### What are the responsibilities of the Lafayette Police Department?

- Perform a background check.
  - Provide the permit with a picture ID.
  - Respond to citizen's calls.
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For more information see the full ordinance at [www.ci.lafayette.ca.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us).

Click the Municipal Code Link and search for Chapter 4-4.

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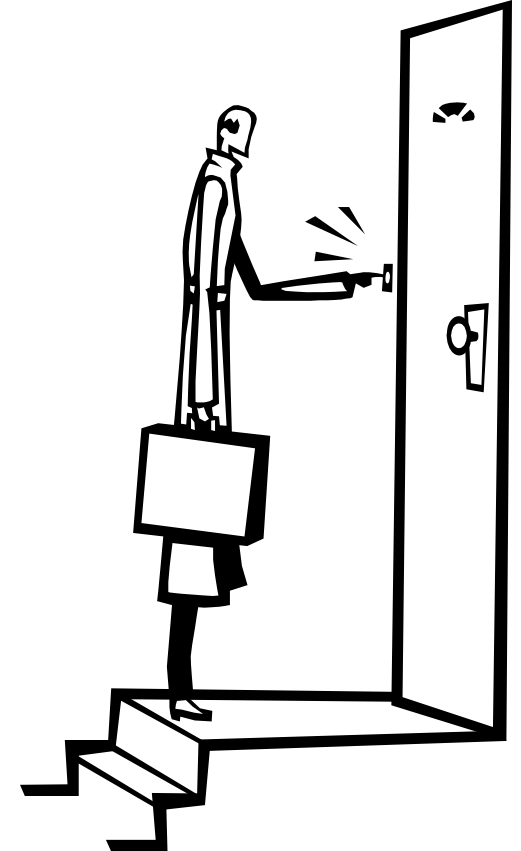
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***SOLICITORS,  
PEDDLERS  
AND  
CANVASSERS.***



## Who Needs a Permit?

- All commercial peddlers or solicitors.
- Anyone asking for money in exchange for goods or services.

*(LMC Section 4-403)*

## How is the Permit Displayed?

- Every solicitor or peddler must wear the permit. This permit will include a photo ID. It must be visible at all times. Otherwise, they are in violation of the ordinance.

*(LMC Section 4-405)*

## Who is Exempt?

- Religious & political groups.
- Non-profits where goods, or services are not being sold.
- Any person who is 15 years old or younger.

*(LMC 4-412)*

# No Knock Rule

## What is the “No Knock” Rule?

- No peddler or solicitor can knock or ring the bell of a private residence or business where a No Soliciting sign is clearly posted. To do so is a violation of this ordinance.

*(LMC Section 4-409)*



## When is Soliciting NOT Allowed?

- A person can not solicit, peddle, or canvass between the hours of 6pm—9am.

*(LMC Section 4-410)*

## *Purpose of the Soliciting Ordinance*

### Why is this Ordinance Necessary?

- The Crime Prevention Commission responded to concerns over unregulated door-to-door peddling in Lafayette.
- Our goal is to protect residents from fraud and criminal activity, while promoting the safety and privacy of our residents and business owners.

*(LMC Section 4-4-01)*

\*\* LMC refers to the Lafayette Municipal Code Section being referenced.