

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 08-0253

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: March 2, 2009

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Street Regulations – Soliciting

FOR the purpose of ~~extending certain prohibitions involving the solicitation of customers to apply to the solicitation of donations;~~ increasing the penalties for a violation of these ~~prohibitions~~ violating certain prohibitions involving the solicitation of customers; repealing certain obsolete or otherwise unnecessary sections involving solicitation activities; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Subtitle 50, Part 8
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 19. Police Ordinances

Subtitle 50. Street Regulations

***Part 8. Soliciting Customers* OR DONATIONS**

§ 50-56. Obstructing passage prohibited.

[Any] IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY person [who shall be found] in OR ON any [of the streets or highways] STREET or [upon any sidewalks or footways] SIDEWALK [engaged in obstructing the] TO OBSTRUCT passage along [any of said streets or highways or upon any of the said sidewalks or footways] THE STREET OR SIDEWALK by catching hold of or soliciting persons or in any way interfering with their free passage [along said streets, highways, sidewalks, or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 footways], for the purpose of inducing or compelling them to buy any article or thing ~~OR TO~~
2 ~~DONATE ANY MONEY OR THING~~ [from any store or stand, or any livery or sale stable, shall be
3 subject to a fine of \$10 for each and every offense].

4 **[§ 50-57. In front of store — soliciting business.**

5 Any person who shall stop, accost, or solicit any person on the pavement, sidewalk, or
6 footway in front of or adjacent to any store or establishment within the corporate limits of the
7 City of Baltimore, where goods are sold at wholesale or retail, for the purpose of enticing
8 away, selling to, or in any manner interfering with such last-named person, shall be deemed
9 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$10 for each and every
10 offense.]

11 **[§ 50-58. In front of store — enticing away.**

12 Any person remaining in front of or entering any store where goods are sold at retail, or any
13 livery or sale stable, for the purpose of enticing away or in any manner interfering with any
14 person or persons who may be in front of or who may have entered therein for the purpose of
15 buying, shall be subject to a fine of \$20 for each and every offense, said fine to be recovered
16 as other fines and penalties are recovered.]

17 **§ 50-59. Enforcement by citation.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, § 50-56 OF
20 this [Part] SUBTITLE may be enforced by issuance of a civil citation under City Code
21 Article 1, Subtitle 41 {“Civil Citations”}.

22 (b) *Method not exclusive.*

23 The issuance of a civil citation to enforce § 50-56 OF this [Part] SUBTITLE does not
24 preclude pursuing any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement action authorized by
25 law.

26 **§ 50-60. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

27 ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF § 50-56 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A
28 MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200 FOR
29 EACH OFFENSE.

30 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
31 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
32 Ordinance.

33 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
34 after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City