

Castleton Estates Crime Watch  
NO SOLICITING  
Information

CEHOA has already had several Solicitors and the CEHOACW recommended way to keep them from coming onto your property is to have "No soliciting" Decals on both sides of your mailbox.

Attached is a copy of the recently revised Indianapolis City County Ordinance that defines a Solicitor and the penalties they may occur if they violate this ordinance.

A short summary of the revised Ordinance is that if you have "No Soliciting" Decal on your mailbox Solicitors that still come on your property may be charged with trespassing.

Almost half of CEHOA resident mailboxes have NS Decals and it makes it very easy if a Solicitor comes onto your property to just make them aware of your NS Decals and the penalty and ask them to leave.

If you see any Solicitors in our CEHOA neighborhood please let them know about No Soliciting and let me know. When I show them a copy of the Ordinance they will just leave.

If you desire two "No Soliciting "Decals, for your mailbox, please contact me or your Block Captain and we will get them to you. They are waterproof and UV resistant and look nice.

**CEHOACW Proposal for "NO SOLICITING" Decals on both sides of all CEHOA mail boxes**

**Below are current Indianapolis Ordinances defining legitimate Solicitors.**

**Sec. 391-104. - Peddlers and solicitors entering private premises. DEFINITION OF A SOLICITOR**

(a) The practice of entering upon the premises of private residences in the city by any persons acting as solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise of any kind, magazines, pamphlets, books or any other articles, when such person has not been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant of the private residence, or when a notice is posted at or near the entrance thereof forbidding such entry for any such purposes, with the intention of selling or soliciting orders for the sale of any such things, or of peddling, hawking or otherwise disposing thereof, or doing all or any of such practices, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be punishable as prescribed in this chapter.

(b) The provisions of this section shall **NOT** apply to the sale, soliciting of orders for the sale, or the delivery to any such premises of milk, dairy products, vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, groceries, bread or any other farm and garden produce and foods or liquid products, so far as the disposal thereof is at any time authorized by law and is done in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Code or other city ordinances; nor shall they apply to the delivery of any merchandise or other articles of any kind previously purchased or ordered by or for the owner or occupant of such premises.

**(Code 1975, § 19-4) PENALTIES IF SOLICITOR REFUSES TO LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY.**

Section 391-104 of the Revised Code requires the homeowner/occupant of private property to either tell the solicitor to leave or post a “no solicitations” sign on the private property. If a solicitor persists, the owner/occupant should call the police and an officer can issue a citation to the solicitor. The citation is a court summons and, if it goes to trial, will require the owner/occupant to testify.

If found in violation of the ordinance, the judge can impose a monetary fine of \$0.00-\$2,500.00 and impose a permanent injunction prohibiting the defendant from violating this ordinance in the future. If the defendant violates again, he could be subjected to both the new citation and a petition for a finding of contempt of court.

**CEHOACW proposes “No Soliciting” Decals on both sides of your mailbox so the following would apply-**

- 1) **“No Soliciting” decals will NOT be placed on your mailbox without your APPROVAL.**
- 2) With a “No Soliciting” decal on your mailbox, Solicitors may **NOT** legally set foot on your property.
- 3) If Solicitors do come on your property tell them to leave immediately.
- 4) If solicitors do not leave call 911 and report them as a **“Suspicious”** person who is trespassing.
- 5) Then call John Boggs CEHOACW Chairman 317-409-0736 and report what is happening.
- 6) Indianapolis doesn’t issue a Soliciting **Permit**. Ask to see it if they tell you they have one.

Your Block Captain will be offering these stickers to you starting around May 1st when they will be coming around to introduce themselves. If you want a “No Soliciting” decal before then please let me know.

- I did contact the Castleton Post office and they said it was ok to place these decals on your mailbox.
- Solicitors are the biggest problem that we have in our neighborhood and generate the most 911 calls.
- Some Solicitors may be legitimate but a lot of them are not and do not deliver what they sell.
- The more participants CEHOA has in this proposal the more effective it will be. Please participate.
- Please see attached picture of suggested location for decal. Any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

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Example of NO SOLICITING Sticker Placement