COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-8

DOOR TO DOOR ORDINANCE

Vermillion County, Indiana

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF ANYONE GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN VERMILLION COUNTY.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County that persons intent upon committing burglaries and other crimes may pose as salesmen, census takers, donation seekers, petition circulators and other forms of solicitors, moving door to door throughout the community in order to facilitate their criminal activity. The Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County has determined that regulation and documentation of persons engaged in such "door to door" activity in Vermillion County is necessary for the safety of Vermillion County Citizens.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Vermillion County Commissioners that:

SECTION 1. Any person who wishes to engage in door to door activity like sales, seeking donations, circulating petitions or similar behavior shall first pay one dollar ($1.00) to the County Auditor and allow the Auditor to make a copy of their driver's license or state ID card or such identification as the Auditor may specify.

SECTION 2. Any person going door to door on behalf of a non-profit group, a church, children participating in seasonal activities, a person who is an Honorably Discharged War Time veteran presenting a valid DD214 or who is a candidate for office actively engaged in campaigning is exempt from the requirements of Section 1. It shall be a defense to any attempt to levy a fine under Section 1 of this ordinance that the person going door to door was engaged in constitutionally protected speech.

SECTION 3. Any person engaged in door-to-door activity in Vermillion County shall provide their identification to law enforcement officials upon request and shall allow their identity to be verified.

SECTION 4. That any citizen in Vermillion County, Indiana may place a notice at the entrance to their property, home or place of business advising the public

that they do not permit trespassers, solicitors, non-members or any other limitations or conditions that they wish to place on admittance to their property. Going onto property that has been clearly posted so as to warn a person that they may not go onto that property shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That any person who violates Section 1 of this ordinance shall be subject to a $50.00 fine, however, the first time a person is cited under this ordinance, they may avoid paying that fine by complying with Section 1 within one business day of being cited for violating this ordinance. It shall be a $50 fine to violate Sections 3 or 4 of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted and passed by Vermillion County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of July, 2011.

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