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VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 709 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 709, “PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS”

WHEREAS, the Village of North Baltimore previously enacted Chapter 709 of the Codified Ordinances regulating peddlers, canvassers, and solicitors; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that door-to-door peddling, canvassing, and soliciting should be prohibited within the Village, subject to limited exceptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. Repeal. Existing Chapter 709 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of North Baltimore is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Enactment of New Chapter 709. A new Chapter 709 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of North Baltimore, titled “Peddlers and Solicitors,” is hereby enacted to read as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Enforcement. Violations of Chapter 709 as enacted by this Ordinance shall be enforced in accordance with the penalty provisions set forth therein or, if none are provided, the general penalty provisions of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 4. Existing Permits. Any permit, license, or registration lawfully issued under former Chapter 709 prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall remain valid and shall be honored by the Village until its stated expiration date. Such permits shall not be renewed under former Chapter 709 and shall expire according to their original terms.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

The motion to adopt the foregoing ordinance was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

PASSED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council

Exhibit A

709.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) “Canvassing,” “soliciting,” or “peddling,” unless expressly provided otherwise, means traveling from residence to residence within the Village, without a prior appointment, for the purpose of offering for inspection or sale, or attempting to sell, goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or services of any nature whatsoever; or for the purpose of taking or attempting to take orders for the purchase of such goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, property, or services for present or future delivery or performance.

(b) “Canvassing,” “soliciting,” or “peddling” also includes the solicitation of funds, money, or other property for commercial or personal purposes.

(c) The term does not include:

(1) Activity conducted from a fixed location on private property with the consent of the property owner;

(2) Political canvassing, including the distribution of political literature, advocacy for or against a candidate or ballot issue, or the circulation of petitions for political purposes;

(3) Solicitation by a newspaper carrier of customers for a newspaper that the carrier regularly delivers or will regularly deliver.

(d) “Charitable, nonprofit, civic, or religious organization” means an organization organized and operated not for private profit and recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

709.02 CANVASSING, SOLICITING, OR PEDDLING PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall canvass, solicit, or peddle by traveling from residence to residence within the Village, except as expressly exempted under Section 709.03.

709.03 EXCEPTIONS.

The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this chapter:

(a) A minor under eighteen (18) years of age acting on his or her own behalf or on behalf of a school or nonprofit organization, including civic, religious, or charitable organizations.

(b) A person acting on behalf of a charitable, nonprofit, civic, or religious organization.

(c) A person engaged in political canvassing, including the distribution of political literature, advocacy for or against a candidate or ballot issue, or the circulation of petitions for political purposes.

709.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Upon conviction, the offender may be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, as provided by law.