

Soliciting Guidelines

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As a reminder, please proceed with caution when dealing with any vendor or solicitor before handing over money or signing any contracts. Due diligence will go a long way in saving yourself money, time and hassle with a less than reputable company. Furthermore, the CA cannot restrict solicitors from our community, however, if you do not want them knocking on your door, you can place a “no soliciting” sign by your front entry. Here are the guidelines should you wish to add such a sign: The rules for “no soliciting” signs are in Paragraph 2.2. (b) in Exhibit C of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. The full guidance reads:

(b) No soliciting signs. An Occupant is permitted to place one “No Soliciting” or similar sign either (i) near or on the front door to the Dwelling Unit or (ii) near the entrance to a courtyard mounted on gate pillar, wall or similar surface near such entrance. The sign may not be mounted other than as provided above, which includes a prohibition on mounting the sign in a yard area. Any such sign shall not exceed a size of 25 square inches (e.g., five inches by five inches). The color, font and style of the sign shall be as commercially available.

As Sun City Texas is within the City of Georgetown, you are therefore governed by the GT Code of ordinances. Any person who engages in commercial activities (selling a product or service) or soliciting must have a permit to do so. Per Sec. 6.16.030 of the City’s Soliciting Ordinance, **the following types of solicitors do not require a permit, however, they may not solicit at a home with a “no soliciting” sign.**

1. Newspaper carriers;
2. Farmers who sell agricultural products that were raised or grown by them;
3. Locally-based non-profit organizations;
4. Religious proselytizing or distribution of religious literature;
5. Political speech; or
6. Canvassers who attempt only to distribute handbills or to solicit political support or to determine opinions or sentiments.

If you don’t want flyers put on your door or people knocking on your door, you should put up a “no soliciting” sign as mentioned above. If they do it anyway, you can report them to the Georgetown Police Department (non-emergency number: 512-930-3510), whether they require a permit or not. If they violate the rules, it is a class “C” misdemeanor and their permits will be revoked. Solicitation is only allowed between 8 a.m. and sunset.

If you should have face-to-face contact with a Peddler or Solicitor selling a product or service, ask for their ID from the City of Georgetown. If they cannot produce one, then call the police (non-emergency number: 512-930-3510) letting them know where the solicitors are in the community; if they have a free unit in the area, they can try to locate them. (In order for the solicitor to obtain an ID, they must first be fingerprinted and have a criminal history check conducted by the Texas DPS in Austin, then they may submit an Application to the City of Georgetown for a permit/ID)