

Caption:

Discussion regarding permitted hours for solicitation on private property.

Financial Impact:

None.

Background:

Section 22-83 of the Code of Ordinances sets the hours when an uninvited person can and cannot go on residential premises to conduct a home solicitation or distribute a handbill:

- Can: between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday
- Cannot: Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day

Section 22-83 is below:

No person shall go upon any residential premises (i) and ring the doorbell or rap or knock upon the door or create any sound in a manner calculated to attract attention of the occupant of any residence for the purpose of engaging in or attempting to engage in a home solicitation transaction, or (ii) for the purpose of depositing or placing a handbill (as defined in section 22-101 of this chapter), prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. of any day Monday through Saturday, or any time of a Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. This section shall not apply to a visit to the premises as a result of a request made by the occupant.

Neighboring cities have similar solicitation ordinances, and solicitation hours for a few are below:

Farmers Branch	Between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. of any day, Monday through Saturday, or at any time on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day (Same as Addison)
Carrollton	Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during standard time, and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during daylight savings time, and the times apply to Monday through Saturday; and solicitation is prohibited on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day
Richardson	Between 9:00 a.m. and 30 minutes after sunset, Monday through Saturday; prohibited on Sunday, New Year's Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Memorial Day, or Veterans Day.
Plano	Between one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise and one-half (1/2) hour before sunset

Recommendation:

This item is for discussion only.