

# PORTLAND'S SOLICITATION PROBLEM

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**The Problem:** The City of Portland has placed *no regulation or limits* on door-to-door soliciting, unlike many municipalities in the Portland metro area. Door-to-door soliciting, campaigning, and proselytizing is *performed without any limits* in the City of Portland. This has a direct negative impact on the lives of individuals with PTSD, diagnosed anxiety disorders, Autism disorders and first responders who have shift-work schedules.

**The Solution:** the straightforward, simple request is that the City Council place any form of limitations on door-to-door campaigners, solicitors and proselytizers. The City Council has many legal options to put fair, legitimate restrictions on door-to-door solicitation.

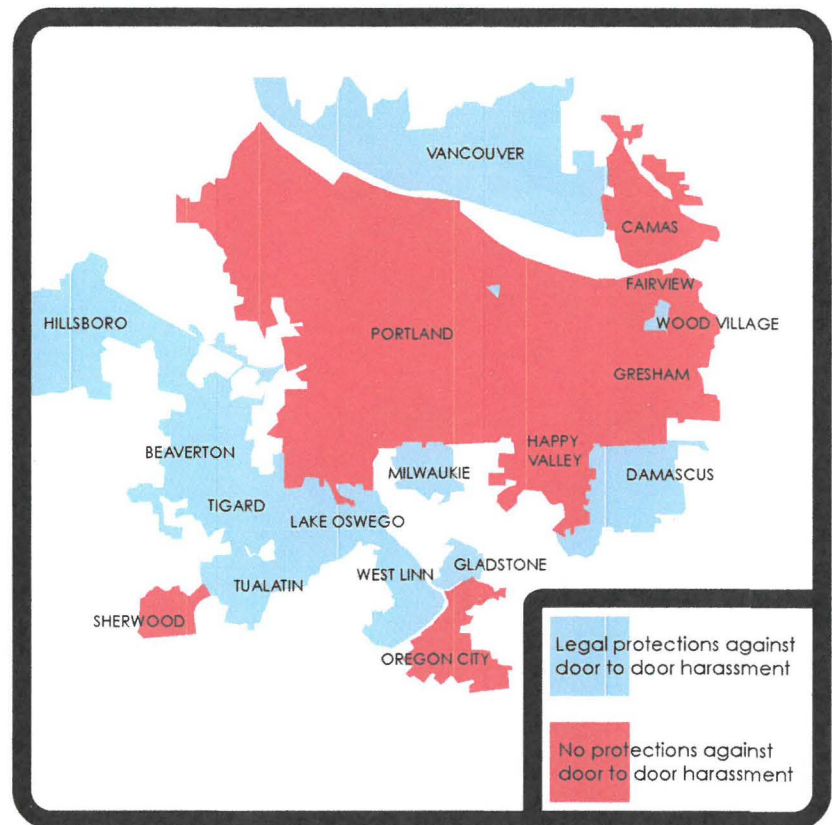
**-Enforcing 'No Soliciting' signs.** Currently, the posting of a 'No Soliciting' sign has no legal backing in Portland. This is an easy fix that allows citizens to dictate if they would like to allow soliciting on their property or not. Many municipalities have fines associated with disobeying such signage.

**-Licensing requirements.** Most cities the size of Portland have licensure requirements for all solicitors, canvassers and proselytizers. This can range from business day-licenses to full criminal background checks at the financial responsibility of the body organizing the soliciting.

**-Legal hours of operation.** Many municipalities have hours in which door-to-door solicitors of all stripes are limited to operate in, these often limit solicitation to business hours.

**-Creation of a Do-Not-Knock list.** A newer tactic taken on by several city governments in recent years; this creates a list of properties that do not wish to have solicitors come to their door. Lists must be obtained by bodies performing soliciting and adhered to.

## PORTLAND AREA MUNICIPALITIES



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**From:** Matthew Sanders <furnace.heart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 2:17 PM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Scheduling a Council Communication meeting.

August 3rd would work better; what time is the spot available?

Thank you.  
-Matt

On Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 2:10 PM, Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for letting me know you are not able to make it on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, there are two spots available on August 3<sup>rd</sup> but, Mayor Hales will be absent. There is one spot left on August 10<sup>th</sup> and currently all members of Council are expected to attend.

Let me know which date you prefer.

Regards,

Karl



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**From:** Matthew Sanders [<mailto:furnace.heart@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 11:16 AM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Scheduling a Council Communication meeting.

Hello-

I apologize for the time it took me to respond; this email was caught in my spam filter, and I'm unable to attend the July 20th session.

I however, am fully able to attend the August 3rd session. If there are still spots available, let me know and I'll arrange my schedule around it.

Thank you for your time, and again I apologize for the lack of communication on my part.

-Matthew

On Tue, Jul 5, 2016 at 4:26 PM, Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hello Matthew,

Thank you for your email. Our next opening is July 20<sup>th</sup> and the time is 9:30am. Will you be able to make it then? Commissioner Fritz will be absent, but the other Council members are scheduled to be present.

July 27<sup>th</sup> as well as August 3, 10 and 17. Note, Mayor Hales will be absent August 3rd.

Here is further information for you on the Communications portion of the agenda:

- You will have three minutes to address the Council and may also submit written material (please provide seven copies).
- We start the meeting at 9:30 and Communications are the first item on the agenda.
- Please note communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.
- The Council meeting takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers.

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**From:** Matthew Sanders [mailto:[furnace.heart@gmail.com](mailto:furnace.heart@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 3:39 PM

**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony <[CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov)>

**Subject:** Scheduling a Council Communication meeting.

Hello,

My name is Matthew Sanders and I'm a citizen and resident of Portland, Oregon. I would like to schedule a council communication meeting to speak with the Portland City Council about passing city ordinances to put limits on door-to-door solicitors.

Thank you.

-Matthew Sanders

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Request of Matthew Sanders to address Council regarding passing ordinances to put limits on door-to-door solicitors (Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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