

Plantation Row has an all-inclusive policy: all solicitation – whether commercial, political, religious or charity-based, and by any person at any time - is prohibited in or on our common areas/streets. Solicitation on our streets is trespass. Solicitation on your private property is a matter for each of you and you have to determine whether or not you object to the solicitor being on your property and thus whether it is trespass.

Despite Plantation Row's having a "No Solicitation" policy, there continues to be numerous complaints to the Board about solicitors in our neighborhood. The Association only governs solicitors while they are on our common properties – such as our streets. We cannot govern them once they are on your private property, but we can offer the below 6 suggestions for dealing with them once they are off the streets and on your private property.

If you want to stop solicitors from coming onto your property, try putting a "No Solicitation" sign at the entrance to your own property or at your front door. Note that the sign size and placement must conform to Architectural Committee guidelines - samples are available. Any such sign cannot interfere with mowing and other landscaping duties.

#### Suggestions on What To Do If You See a Solicitor

1. Remind the solicitor that we have a "No Solicitation, No Trespassing, No Loitering" sign posted at our entrance and ask him or her to leave immediately.
2. If the solicitor says he has a permit, tell him that a permit **does not** allow him to solicit in PR for any reason. If possible, get his permit number and name off his identification badge. Call the City of Winston Salem Code Enforcement Department and report the solicitor. Violations can get the solicitor's permit revoked and his company fined. If he does not have a badge, get as much information as you can (for example, the name on a truck). Tell the solicitor to leave immediately or you will call the police.
3. If you receive bags or flyers on your mailbox – like those with rock samples or solicitations to have your soil tested – call the company that left them and complain. Then, report it to the City Code Department, which can fine the company. Also report it to the Post Office.
4. If you get door-hangers, fliers, advertising packets, advertising newsletters/newspapers in your driveway or porch, and/or plastic bags with advertising or menus from restaurants, and any of these have a phone number, call that number and complain. You can also call the Code Department and complain.

5. If you ever feel that a solicitor or perceived solicitor is acting suspicious or if you feel threatened, or if a solicitor refuses to leave after you tell him to leave, you should call the police.

6. If you get a mass eMail from anyone not living in Plantation Row with a solicitation, call the solicitor and complain. The exception would be for the solicitor to specifically and personally send their eMails to friends and neighbors who have stated they have no objection to receiving such eMails from you. This is considered private property to private property transactions.

City of Winston Salem Code Enforcement Department:

call City Link at 311 or 336-727-8000; direct line - 336-734-1257

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