

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-27

REPEALING CHAPTER 707 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, CANVASSERS, PEDDLER, AND SOLICITORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Unites States Supreme Court decision in *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150 (2002), has drastically reduced the authority of municipal corporations to regulate door-to-door solicitation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Mason that its Code of Ordinances comply with Constitutional principles.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mason, Ohio, Chapter 707 Canvassers, Peddlers, and Solicitors, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the necessity for the Code of Ordinances to comply with Constitutional rights of free speech provided by the First Amendment and interpreted by the United States Supreme Court.

Passed this 10th day of March, 2003.

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Mayor