

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

7:20 P.M.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SOLICITOR LICENSE FEES

PRESENT: Councilors: Steven I. Adler, Timothy L. Brennan, Shari Cantor, Charles Coursey, Leon Davidoff, Mayor Scott Slifka, Dr. Carolyn Thornberry, Joseph Verrengia, and Joseph Visconti

Acting Town Manager: Ron Van Winkle

Corporation Counsel: Joseph O'Brien

Town/Council Clerk: Essie S. Labrot

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

President Slifka: Almost on time, opening the 7:20 Public Hearing. Ms. Labrot? (Roll Call was taken). The subject matter please, Mr. Coursey?

Vice President Coursey: Mr. Mayor. Ordinance amending solicitor License fees.

President Slifka: Thank you. Mr. Van Winkle, back to you.

Mr. Van Winkle: Again, these are fees that haven't been increased in some time in response to the Referendum. We are increasing these Solicitor or Peddler, someone who is coming to your house, around town, in a commercially registered vehicle. The fee for that license to do that goes from \$60.00 to \$100.00 - in all other cases it's from \$25.00 to \$50.00. A person who is a registered solicitor (not for profit) a non-profit kind of operation, the fee goes from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and they will be given a badge, and if they return that badge, we would refund a portion of the fee. Again, the second piece is to make sure we know who is going door to door in town so that we have a record of those sorts of things, so we often get called by someone who sees someone in the neighborhood and when we have them registered, the police can know immediately who might be out there

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Are there any questions for Mr. Van Winkle? OK, seeing none, Mr. Alair, can you check the sign up sheet please? Is there anybody who has not signed up who wishes to speak to the subject matter of this Public Hearing? Seeing none, anything further – oh, Mr. Patrissi – please come up.

Mr. Patrissi: Richard Patrissi, 93 Shepard Rd. West Hartford. I didn't come to speak on the matter, but when I heard Mr. Van Winkle talk about increasing the license fees I'm pleased to hear that. I would hope, and maybe it's already in place, it may not be, but the people who are soliciting are required to wear them, so that when they come to somebody's house it can be seen with the Town of West Hartford logo, or some indication of where they're from and that there's been approval by the town. Thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Patrissi. I'm hearing a whisper from Corporation counsel. Yes, they are, OK. Mr. Patrissi, they are required to wear them. Anything further? OK, seeing none, we will close the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:28 P.M.