

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16 RELATING TO LICENSES, PERMITS, AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-73 TO CHANGE THE HOURS FOR HOME SOLICITATION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City ("Licenses, Permits, and Business Regulations") be and the same is hereby amended by amending subsection (a)(1) of Section 16-73 "Hours for home solicitation" to read as follows:

**Sec. 16-73. Hours for home solicitation.**

(a) A person shall not go upon any residential premises and ring the doorbell or rap or knock upon the door or create any sound in a manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of the residence for the purpose of engaging in or attempting to engage in a home solicitation transaction:

(1) Before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or

(2) Before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. Saturday or Sunday;

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a visit to the premises as a result of a request or an appointment made by the occupant.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any invalidity.

SECTION 3. Save and except as amended hereby, all the provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Any person found liable of violating this ordinance by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per offense per day. Each day that a provision of this ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance providing for a penalty shall become effective fourteen (14) days from the date of its passage, and the City Secretary is hereby directed to cause the caption

of this ordinance to be published twice in the Denton Record-Chronicle, the official newspaper of the City of Denton, Texas, within ten (10) days of the date of its passage.

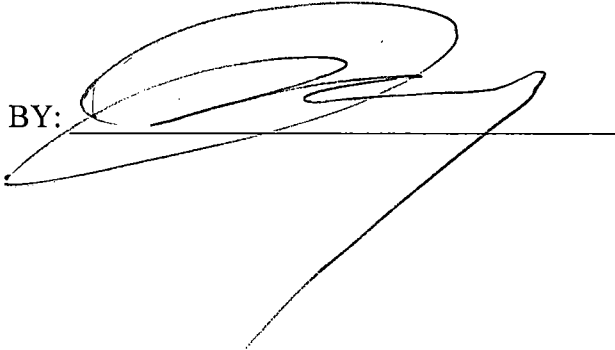
PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER WALTERS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
AARON LEAL, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_