



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

May 26, 2026

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AGENDA ITEM

26-101 - Resolution to Amend Code of Ordinances Section 14-315 (Do Not Knock Registry)

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, Medford residents have the right to peace and privacy in their homes, and the City's Do Not Knock Registry exists to protect that right by allowing residents to opt out of unwanted door-to-door solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the existing registry does not require solicitors to obtain updated lists after initial licensure, does not explicitly reach unlicensed solicitors, and does not attribute employee violations to the businesses that employ them — gaps that limit the registry's effectiveness and leave registered residents without adequate protection; and

WHEREAS, gaps exist in enforcement especially with respect to intradepartmental communication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Medford City Council amend Section 14-315 of the Code of Ordinances, strengthening the Do Not Knock Registry by requiring monthly registry updates for licensees, extending registry protections to unlicensed solicitors, and making businesses accountable for the conduct of their canvassers.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Do_Not_Knock_Amendment_Memo_v2