

Village of Suffern

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Dear friends and neighbors,

I am pleased to announce that the Village of Suffern's "No-Knock Policy", which is part of the Suffern Code Initiative [SCI] project, will continue to be vigorously enforced as the summer approaches.

Warmer weather will generally bring more foot traffic to the Village. Such traffic often includes peddlers and solicitors. Suffern's "No-Knock Policy" is designed to prevent intrusions on homes and businesses from unwanted canvassers.

Suffern Local Law No. 6 of 2017, 200-2 was amended to define canvassers and solicitors as vendors who go from door-to-door offering for sale or taking orders for present or future delivery of merchandise. Canvassers and solicitors under the current definition also include those who are conducting surveys for research purposes, analysis, opinion polls or rating data. Real-estate brokers, energy providers and those selling utility services are deemed to be canvassers and solicitors for the purposes of this law.

Our right to privacy and our desire to not be disturbed in our homes by people, organizations or companies looking to intrude in our lives is something that I and Village Board take very seriously. Regardless of whether it's someone offering a deal on cable television, taking a poll or asking if your house is for sale, the idea that we have the right to enjoy the peace and quiet in our homes should not be compromised.

Those wishing to not be disturbed in their homes by unsolicited peddlers, canvassers etc. can give their names and address to the Suffern Village Clerk, who will add them to the Village's active do not disturb list.

Local Law No. 6 of 2017 was enacted as part of the SCI. While several local communities continue to struggle with code enforcement issues, the Village Board and I remain determined to minimize and ultimately eliminate any such issues in Suffern. Therefore, I will be communicating with residents of Suffern neighborhoods in the coming weeks to outline the specifics of the Code Initiative. Additionally, I am scheduled to meet with neighborhood watch groups to discuss the code enforcement initiatives and enforcement concerns that were raised.

This is a very important issue. We have seen how lack of enforcement can change and harm a community. By enforcing the No-Knock policy we can help ensure the privacy to which our residents are entitled. As part of the SCI, "If You See Something, Say Something". I encourage everyone who has questions and concerns about code enforcement and Suffern's "No-Knock Policy" to call the Village Clerk's Office at 845-357-2600 or visit www.suffernny.gov for a full list of the Village regulations and policies.

Sincerely,
Edward Markunas, Mayor