



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Council Bill 121259 - Do Not Solicit Ordinance

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Summary

Ordinance would:

- Establish a new unfair housing practice prohibiting unwanted solicitation of residential properties
- Establish a “Do Not Solicit” list to protect homeowners from unwanted residential property solicitations.

The ordinance, including the Do Not Solicit list, would be administered by the Office of Civil Rights

Changes made to final legislation (1/3)

Some changes were made to the draft legislation discussed at the June 29 and July 8 Housing, Arts and Civil Rights (HACR) Committee meeting, largely based on stakeholder feedback.

- Added new recitals related to public comment and the panel conversation at the June 29 HACR committee meeting
- Expanded the definition of residential property owner to include any person having the right to sell or approve the sale of the property.
- Added two actions that explicitly do not constitute solicitation - communication initiated by the property owner and any action by a government or utility.
- Removed option for property owner to remove their name (but not their address) to the list, as could not constitute public notice without both name and address.

Changes made to final legislation (2/3)

- Clarified that placement on the Do Not Solicit list constitutes notice of desire not to be solicited or to sell.
- Clarified that notice of a residential property owner's desire not to sell their residential property or be solicited includes but is not limited to being on the Do Not Solicit List. Residential property owners may notify any person of their desire not to sell their residential property or be solicited in writing or orally.
- Clarified that list could not be used for commercial purposes

Changes made to final legislation (3/3)

- Added a report due in July 2028 and 2029, that provides the following information broken down Council District:
 - Number of people on Do Not Solicit list
 - Number of complains filed
 - Number of citations issued
 - Appeal results
 - Penalties collected.
- By July 1 2027, OCR should describe efforts to coordinate efforts to coordinate with the Department of Financial and Administrative Services on outreach and enforcement of Ordinance 127292.

Questions?