

**13-08**  
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AMENDING CHAPTER 42, LITTERING, OF THE CODE OF  
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 42, Littering, of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I.                    SECTION 42-22                    Distribution of handbills at inhabited private premises.**

A        No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any private grounds, except on the porch or steps of the private or commercial premises. Any commercial or noncommercial handbill not thrown or deposited on the porch or steps of the private or commercial premises shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

B.        No person shall throw or deposit more than one commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any private grounds, except on the porch or steps of the private or commercial premises, within a twenty-four-hour period. Each commercial or noncommercial handbill thrown or deposited in or upon any private grounds, except on the porch or steps of the private or commercial premises, in excess of one handbill within a twenty-four-hour period, shall constitute a violation of this chapter, with each commercial or noncommercial handbill thrown or deposited in excess of one handbill within a twenty-four-hour period constituting a separate and distinct offense.

C.        The provisions of this section shall not apply to the distribution of mail by the United States nor to newspapers, except that newspapers shall be placed on private property in such a manner as to prevent their being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place or upon private property. In addition, persons, firms and corporations engaged in the distribution of commercial handbills shall obtain a license as hereinafter provided and make all distributions between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time.

**ARTICLE II.**

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

**ARTICLE III.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

**THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**FRANK M. NORTH, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by the Borough Council at the regular meeting held on April 8, 2013. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on May 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to address the issue of unregulated distribution of handbills in the Borough of Merchantville. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Merchantville Borough Hall, One West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.