



City of San Antonio

Key Points...

- Changes are effective February 17, 2011
- Restricts distribution of advertisements on private property with conspicuous display of “No Solicitation” type signs upon or near main entrance to property
- Signage must be weatherproof and not less than 3”x4” with letters not less than 2/3” in height
- Requires property owner complaint to trigger enforcement—call 207-7273 (SAPD)
- Does not apply to federal, state or municipal government and any religious, political or charitable advertisements or handbills

Handbill Distribution on Public and Private Property

An update to the City code

Gives citizens an avenue to restrict the distribution of advertisements on their property where “No Solicitation”-type signs are displayed in a conspicuous place upon or near main entrance to property

Chapter 21-3 Advertising on Public and Private Property

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to paint, print, stamp or indent letters, words or figures, on any fence, tree, post, building, wall, sidewalk or bridge in this city, or to post bills on any fence, building, walk, sidewalk or bridge, in this city, without having first obtained the consent of the parties owning or controlling the same.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or cause to be distributed, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered or cast any handbill upon any private property if requested by anyone thereon not to do so, or if there is placed on such premises in a conspicuous place upon or near the main entrance to the premises, a weatherproof card, not less than three (3) inches by four (4) inches in size bearing the words "no solicitation," "no advertisements," "no handbills," or any similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of such premises do not desire to have any such handbills left upon their premises. The letters on such cards shall be not less than two-thirds (2/3) of an inch in height.
- c. This section does not apply to any department, branch or agency of federal, state, or municipal government and any religious, political or charitable advertisements or handbills.