

**POLICY OF READING HOUSING AUTHORITY REGARDING CANVASSING  
AND SOLICITING ON READING HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to maintain and enhance the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of properties owned and managed by the Reading Housing Authority.

II. CANVASSING AND SOLICITING

A. Canvassing and soliciting on Reading Housing Authority property is prohibited other than in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Canvassing – The act of going from residence to residence throughout properties owned by Reading Housing Authority in order to solicit votes or orders; to conduct a survey or poll; or to conduct an uninvited detailed discussion.

B. Solicitation—The act of going from residence to residence asking for donations of money; tickets for money or coupon books for money; or selling items for money with or without the distribution by such solicitor or canvasser of literature, samples, free gifts or other materials.

C. Property—Property means any property owned, operated or managed by Reading Housing Authority.

IV. CANVASSING AND SOLICITING

A. Canvassing by Reading Housing Authority directly or by any individual or entity on behalf of Reading Housing Authority is permitted. Permission for such canvassing shall only be given by the Executive Director or his/designee.

B. Canvassing or soliciting on Reading Housing Authority property by any other individual or entity is prohibited unless such canvassing or soliciting is conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 410-201 through 410-207 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reading.

C. Any person or organization canvassing or soliciting in accordance with the provisions of Sections 410-201 through 410-207 shall provide a copy of the Permit permitting such issued by the City of Reading to the Executive Director of the Reading Housing Authority or his or her designee at 400 Hancock Boulevard, Reading, Pennsylvania,

no later than 48 hours prior to the period of time such solicitation or canvassing is to occur.

D. Any canvassing or soliciting being conducted not in strict conformance with the provisions of Sections 410-201 through 410-207 will be reported to the City of Reading Police Department.

E. Canvassing or soliciting is not permitted for any reason at any property owned, operated or managed by Reading Housing Authority at which access at the entry way is controlled by secured means of access. This includes Kennedy Towers, Hubert Apartments, Franklin Apartments, Eisenhower Apartments, Rhodes Apartments and Goggleworks Apartments.

V. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

A. Reading Housing Authority does not engage in any political activity of any type.

B. Residents

1. Candidates for elected office may meet with residents of Reading Housing Authority in the unit of a resident if so permitted by the resident of that unit.
2. Resident councils may, at their discretion invite candidates for elected office to properly scheduled resident council meetings.

VI. COMMUNITY SPACE

A. Access to community space shall be controlled in accordance with the Housing Authority policy regarding community space.