Ordinance No. 2017-11-847

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, REGULATING DOOR TO DOOR SURVEYS, POLLS, AND OTHER SIMILAR MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi as follows:

SECTION 1. Any activity engaged in by any person, firm, corporation or other entity that involves going door to door to the residences of citizens in the City of Batesville, Mississippi, soliciting or seeking information of any kind (including but not limited to surveys) or permission from the residents to install or place any device at the residence in exchange for providing the information or for purposes of providing demonstration of such all without monetary charge to the residents is regulated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 2.

(a) Any person, corporation, association or other entity desiring to engage in the activity identified in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall, prior to the commencement of such activity, meet the Chief of Police of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, or his designee at the Batesville Police Department and provide the legal name and mailing address, physical address, cell phone number, telephone number, and other phone numbers and e-mail address in written form of the person, corporation, association or other entity desiring to engage in such activity which information shall be kept on file at the Batesville Police Department and at the City of Batesville Code Office.

(b) Prior to engaging in such activity said person, corporation, association or other entity shall obtain a permit from the Code Office of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, after providing to the Code Office written evidence of compliance with the requirements set out at Subparagraph (a) of this section.

(c) The fee for the permit shall be the sum of $25.00. The permit shall be valid upon its issuance, and the permit shall be valid for a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 3. Once such person, corporation, association or other entity has complied with Section 1 and has received a permit in accordance therewith, such person, corporation, association or other entity may engage in such activity during the following hours on the following days but not at any other times and days: 9:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m. on

Monday through Friday that are not legal holidays as designated by Section 3-3-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and any person convicted of, pleading guilty to, or pleading no contest to such violation shall be fined $100.00 for the first offense; $200.00 for the second offense; and $300.00 for the third and subsequent offenses.

ORDAINED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of November, 2017.