

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

THE OBSTRUCTIVE SOLICITATION BY-LAW
NO. 7700/2000

**A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to
control obstructive solicitation for donations.**

WHEREAS people need a safe and civil environment in public places within the City of Winnipeg where residents and visitors may freely engage in the usual activities and enjoyments of the urban milieu; and

WHEREAS residents and visitors in the City are entitled not to be obstructed while enjoying public places;

THEREFORE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This by-law may be cited as "**The Obstructive Solicitation By-law**".

2. In this by-law:

"causes an obstruction" means:

- (a) to obstruct or impede the convenient passage of any pedestrian traffic in a street, in the course of solicitation;
- (b) to continue to solicit from or follow a pedestrian after that person has made a negative initial response to the solicitation;
- (c) to verbally threaten or insult a pedestrian in the course of solicitation; or
- (d) to physically approach and solicit from a pedestrian as a member of a group of three or more persons;

"solicit" means to ask, whether by spoken, written or printed word, for donations of money or other things of value for one's self or for any other person, and solicitation has a corresponding meaning;

"street" means any roadway, sidewalk, boulevard, place or way, which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage of vehicles or pedestrians and includes a structure located in any of those areas.

3. No person shall solicit in a manner which causes an obstruction.
4. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.
5. The City of Winnipeg By-law No. 6555/95 is hereby repealed.

DONE AND PASSED in Council assembled, this 20th day of September, 2000.