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Ordinance amending Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659: Unlawful Practices, §659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices in order to provide protections to homeowners from solicitation and related problems, all under certain terms and conditions.

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WHEREAS, individual homeowners have in many cases faced harassment and high-pressure tactics from wholesale buyers and brokers to convince them to sell for less than market rates, and;

WHEREAS, these wholesale buyers/brokers often target senior citizens, those who cannot read or speak English well, heirs grieving a recently lost family member, and those at immediate risk of foreclosure, and;

WHEREAS, these wholesale buyers/brokers do not have the obligation to act in the seller's best interest, unlike other types of real estate professionals, and;

**Now therefore be it resolved, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659: Unlawful Practices, §659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices is hereby amended as follows:

(o) For any individual or entity, including but not limited to, any real estate broker or agent, or the employee or representative of any such broker or agent, to solicit any real property for sale or rental, or the listing of any real property for sale or rental, at any time after such individual or entity shall have notice that any owner or other person having the right to sell, rent, lease, or approve the sale, rental or lease of such real property does not desire to sell or rent such real property, or does not desire to be solicited, either by such individual or entity, or by any and all individuals or entities.

- (a) The Commission on Human Relations, or such other entity as determined by the Director, is authorized to create and maintain a public list of real property owners who have expressed a desire to not be solicited to sell or rent their real property (Do Not Solicit List). Any real property owner who appears on the Do Not Solicit List may request in writing that the Commission remove their name from the Do Not Solicit List. The Commission will then remove the real property owner's name from the Do Not Solicit List within thirty (30) days of such a request.

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(b) The inclusion on this Do Not Solicit List of any real property owner shall be deemed a desire not to sell or rent their real property and a desire not to be solicited under this section.