



Commerce Township Community Library

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Commerce Township Community Library recognizes the public's right to petition as a fundamental right of political expression. The Library also upholds the rights of its patrons and employees to enter, exit, and use the Library safely, without being impeded or unduly hindered.

The Library allows individuals and groups to circulate petitions on Library property outdoors. To ensure that Library use is not disrupted and access to the Library entrances and exits are not obstructed by petitioning and canvassing activities, these activities shall not be conducted closer than 15 feet from the exterior of the Library building.

Commerce Township Community Library does not control the content of any petition being circulated near the Library. The presence of circulators outside of the Library does not constitute the Charter Township of Commerce's endorsement or support for the subject matter of any petition. The presence of circulators outside of the Library does not constitute the Charter Township of Commerce's endorsement of the policies, beliefs or political affiliations of any individual or group circulating petitions for signatures. Commerce Township Community Library shall enforce this policy to all petitioning and canvassing activities regardless of the subject matter or content being circulated.

Petitioning Policy

The following requirements must be observed by all individuals and groups circulating petitions for signatures:

- Petition circulations must be conducted outside the Library building, not less than 15 feet from the exterior of the building.
- Petition circulators may not obstruct building entrances, exits, drive-up window or book drops or impede or unduly hinder access to any of those areas.
- Petition circulators may not conduct activities in designated fire or emergency lanes.
- Petition circulators must comply with all laws applicable to the circulation of petitions for signatures.

The Library will not:

- Assume responsibility for any harm or injury suffered by petition circulators or by those who are signing a petition.
- Provide tables, chairs or any other amenities to petition circulators.
- Require registration of petition circulators.

Petition circulators who fail to comply with this policy, the patron behavior policy, or other applicable laws or ordinances, will be asked to leave the premises.

Approved by Commerce Township Board of Trustees, August 16, 2022