

**Government Code Section
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Item 19**

Ordinance Adopting Chapter 10.80 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code Regarding Access to Multi-Unit Buildings for Campaigning

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 24, 2024

Background

- ▶ Candidates for elective office are able to reach residents of single-family residences by going door-to door to provide residents with information and opportunities to interact with candidates or their representatives.
- ▶ Residents of multi-family housing and other housing types with restricted access are less likely to obtain the same information and have the opportunity to interact with candidates and their representatives.
- ▶ This barrier diminishes the ability of residents of those housing types to get informed about elections.

Proposed Ordinance

- ▶ Prohibits any “person, landlord, or corporation who is in control of a multi-unit building” from “prevent[ing] a candidate or their representative from lawfully campaigning door-to-door at the doors to the housing units during an election.”
- ▶ Multi-unit Building includes:
 - ▶ Apartment building
 - ▶ Condominium building
 - ▶ Residential center
 - ▶ Gated community
 - ▶ Other residential complex with more than one unit and secure common entrance

Exception

- ▶ Does not apply to university and college residences and long-term care centers, or in a multi-unit building where active voting is taking place at that location at the same time.

Steps for Candidate Access

- ▶ A registered candidate or candidate's representative may be required to present a copy of their documentation confirming their candidate registration as evidence of eligibility in order to gain access to any multi-unit building for the purpose of lawful campaigning door-to-door.

First Violation - Educational Notice

- ▶ A person violating the ordinance for the first time must be given an educational notice.

Violations

- ▶ A second or further violation could be enforced as a criminal infraction and would be declared a public nuisance, subject to all remedies and enforcement measures authorized under the Municipal Code.

Ordinance Adoption Timeline



Introduction of Ordinance: July 24, 2024

Adoption of Ordinance: August 14, 2024

Ordinance Effective: September 14, 2024



QUESTIONS?