



Legislation Text

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Ordinance adding section 2.16.050 to Title 2, Chapter 2.16, of the South San Francisco Municipal Code pertaining to electronic filing of campaign statements.

WHEREAS, Government Code section 84615 allows a local government agency to adopt an ordinance to require the electronic filing of campaign statements, reports, or other documents by elected officers, candidates, committees, or other persons who are required to file campaign disclosure statements under Title 9, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 84100) of the Government Code, and who have received contributions and have made expenditures totaling less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year;

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco seeks to require the electronic filing of such campaign statements pursuant to Government Code section 84615 in order to make the administration of municipal elections more efficient and to provide greater access to such information to the public;

WHEREAS, the City has entered into an agreement with Granicus, LLC, a vendor approved by the California Secretary of State, to provide online electronic filing system ("System") for campaign disclosure statements; and

WHEREAS, the System will operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers;

WHEREAS, the System shall ensure the integrity of the data transmitted and shall include safeguards against efforts to tamper with, manipulate, alter, or subvert the data; and

WHEREAS, the System will enable filers to complete and submit filings free of charge, and will make all the data filed available online and free of charge in an easily understood format that provides the greatest public access.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings

The City Council of South San Francisco, finds that all Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Addition to Title 2

Section 2.16.050 (Electronic Filing of Campaign Statements) of Chapter 2.16 (Municipal Elections) of Title 2 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code is hereby added as follows:

2.16.004 Electronic Filing of Campaign Statements

(a) Any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file statements, reports, or other documents described by Chapter 4 (Campaign Disclosure) of Title 9 (Political Reform) of the California Government Code, and who has received contributions and made expenditures of \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, shall file those statements, electronically using procedures established by the City Clerk.

(b) Once an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person files a statement, report, or other document electronically pursuant to subsection (a), all future statements, reports, or other documents on behalf of that filer shall be filed electronically.

(c) In any instance in which an original statement, report, or other document must be filed with the California Secretary of State and a copy of that statement, report, or other document is required to be filed with the City Clerk, the filer may file the copy electronically.

(d) If the City Clerk's electronic system is not capable of accepting a particular type of statement, report or other document, an elected officer, candidate, committee or other person shall file that document with the City Clerk in an alternative format.

SECTION 3. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. Publication and Effective Date

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 36933, a summary of this Ordinance shall be prepared by the City Attorney. At least five (5) days prior to the Council meeting at which this Ordinance is scheduled to be adopted, the City Clerk shall (1) publish the Summary, and (2) post in the City Clerk's Office a certified copy of this Ordinance. Within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall (1) publish the summary, and (2) post in the City Clerk's Office a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance along with the names of those City Council members voting for and against this Ordinance or otherwise voting.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its adoption.

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