



SOLICITATION HOURS RESTRICTION

Community & Economic Development

Governmental Affairs Committee

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BACKGROUND

1. 2013, City Council restricted hours of door to door solicitation to 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
2. 2016, Code was amended to change the hours to 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
3. Current Code reads “No person shall engage in any form of door to door solicitation before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. Further, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in solicitation at any time of day if such time of day is clearly posted on the “no soliciting” sign posted pursuant to the sections of this Code”.



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DISCUSSION

1. Residents, especially the elderly, have expressed safety concerns.
2. Solicitors can negatively impact the residents quiet enjoyment of their home.
3. Purpose of the proposed change in hours is to address these concerns, while giving consideration to solicitors.
4. Requesting amendment to restrict door to door solicitation to 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
5. Current Code prohibits soliciting if “No Soliciting” sign is posted. Amendment will not affect this provision.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Governmental Affairs Committee:

1. Review the proposed change to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.08.040 regarding time restrictions on solicitation; and
2. Recommend that City Council approve the amendment to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.08.040 - Time Restrictions on Solicitation, revising the solicitation time from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.



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