



# Governmental Affairs Committee Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**                      **DATE: MARCH 6, 2019**  
**FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**                      **WARDS: ALL**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.08.040 – TIME**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON SOLICITATION**

**ISSUE:**

Review and recommend approval for an amendment to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.08.040 - Time Restrictions on Solicitation, in order to prevent door to door solicitation from occurring in the later evening hours.

**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 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2013, the City Council adopted Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 5.08.040 – Time Restrictions for Solicitation, restricting the hours of solicitation to between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. In 2016, the Code was amended and the current section 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.”

**DISCUSSION:**

Residents have raised safety concerns regarding unknown people coming to their homes later in the evening to conduct business solicitation. In particular, the elderly have expressed their concerns over this issue. In addition, solicitors can negatively impact a resident being able to experience the quiet enjoyment of their home. The purpose for the proposed change in hours for

solicitation is to address these concerns, as well as give consideration to solicitors by providing adequate time to solicit after residents traditionally return home from work.

It should be noted that current Code prohibits soliciting if a property owner has posted “No soliciting” or similar signs on their property. This amendment will not affect this provision. The amendment of Chapter 5.08.040 will restrict door-to-door solicitation within the City before 8:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the receipt of this report.

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Attachments: Presentation